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## Shop and flats plan for pub gets nod

A FORMER pub in Dudley will be transformed into shops, flats and a restaurant.

Plans the Hearty Goodfellow pub, in Maughan Street, were given a green light by councillors.

A two-storey rear extension will now be built at the distinctive building which is currently disused.

It will allow the creation of two new shops with flats on the upper floors.

There will also be a single-storey extension constructed at the side of the building for a restaurant and another flat.

### Objections

The scheme was unanimously approved by members of Dudley Council's development control committee at a meeting.

But the councillors' decision went against the wishes of some residents who wanted the development to be scrapped. Neighbours had submitted objections saying it would dangerously increase traffic congestion along narrow roads.

They are also concerned anti-social behaviour could be caused by people congregating near the new shops and about possible noise and smells from the restaurant. But officers said the proposals were 'acceptable' as long as conditions were put in place on the development.

## Crashed car abandoned

THE driver of a car that crashed into a wall in Dudley fled the scene.

Fire crews were called to New Rowley Road at around 2am on Saturday morning.

Crew commander Nigel Hobby said when they arrived there was no one in the locked vehicle.

He added: "The car had hit a small road sign and went into the corner of a wall. We made sure there was no one in the car before making it safe."

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# HELP-OUT PLEA TO VOLUNTEERS

Report by Lee Watton

**MANY more helpers are needed to boost Dudley Council for Voluntary Services as it takes on a bigger role in the community due to local authority cuts.**

DCVS is looking to take on another 60 people as it experiences a surge in demand as Dudley Council faces making savings of £34 million over the next three years.

Bosses said it stemmed from volunteer groups taking on venues such as community centres which in the past have been run and maintained by the council.

The service oversees the community organisations now looking after these buildings providing them with advice and support.

More social enterprises, organisations to tackle social problems and improve communities, are also being set up.

Alongside standard volunteers, the service is also looking for people who want to take on leading roles in voluntary organisations.

### Events

Two events will be taking place at its offices in Albion Street, Brierley Hill, on May 7 and 10 to find the volunteers needed.

And bosses said they were hoping to find 20 or 30 from each of the events to take on a volunteering role.

Spokesman Brendan McKeown said: "Due to the cuts in government funding to Dudley Council more services are now being outsourced.

"As a result the voluntary service has to pick things up a little bit. For example people are taking on things like community centres and more social enterprises are also being set up.

"More volunteers are needed to fill the gap. Alongside volunteers we also need people who want to help run and organise voluntary organisations – basically managers, trustees and board members.

"These posts would still be voluntary but are aimed towards people who want to get a real grip on an organisation.

"These posts are needed because of the council cuts but it is not all doom and gloom.

"It really is an opportunity for the voluntary sector and will make a real difference."

Mr McKeown added: "Ideally we would hope to get around 20 or 30 from each of the events."

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## Sir Trevor backs grass roots



England legend Sir Trevor Brooking seen at the opening of the new Kewford Eagles ground

A £1.1 million football centre at Wall Heath has been opened by Sir Trevor Brooking. The England and West Ham legend opened the new home to Kewford Eagles, one of the biggest grass roots clubs in the country.

The 11-pitch centre has been 12 years in the making and has been possible thanks to a £800,000 grant from the Football Foundation.

The club has more than 550 young foot-

ballers, boys, girls and disabled teams. Mr Brooking blew the whistle for the kick off of the first match on the new pitches.

He said: "I understand the importance of these facilities to a club like this."

He explained it was important that grass roots clubs around the country continued to flourish in the same way Kewford Eagles have since 1978 after two teams, from Kingswinford and Quarry Bank, joined forces.

## Etheridge hits out at 'vile' Lenny comment

A UKIP candidate has called a party colleague's comments about Lenny Henry 'vile and repulsive' and said the person who made them should publicly apologise to the popular comedian.

Bill Etheridge, standing for the party in the West Midlands at the European elections, denounced the comments made on social network site Twitter by London candidate William Henwood, saying Dudley-born Mr Henry should emigrate to a 'black country'.

The comments were seized upon by those who pointed out that as he was from the Black Country.

Mr Henwood, aged 66, was commenting on Mr Henry's calls for more people from ethnic minorities to be represented on TV.

Mr Etheridge, also UKIP's prospective parliamentary candidate for Dudley North, said: "I am enraged by the vile and repulsive comments made about Dudley's own Lenny Henry. I publicly call on him (Mr Henwood) to apologise, in lieu of that I wish to apologise myself to Mr Henry and all those, like myself, who were disgusted by the vile statements. UKIP is a non-racist, non-sectarian party."

Using Twitter, Mr Henry thanked people for supporting him.

Freeman — see page 3

## Man rescued from flat fire

A ELDERLY man had to be led to safety after smoke filled his flat in Dudley.

Fire crews were called after an automatic alarm alerted them to a flat at Rotary House on the Russells Hall estate.

Smoke filled the flat, in Middlepark Road, after the fire started in the kitchen area at around 6.20am on Monday.

Firefighters from Dudley rescued an 87-year-old man in a bedroom suffering from the effects of smoke.

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# Women golfer died after complications

A WOMAN who had an operation to relieve a trapped nerve and slipped disc in her back so she could take up golf again died as a result of rare complications in surgery, an inquest concluded.

Diane Weston, aged 73, of Windsor Road, Stourbridge, had spinal surgery at the West Midlands Hospital, Halesowen, on January 21. The procedure ran smoothly for

more than two hours and then Mrs Weston's blood pressure and carbon dioxide levels dropped rapidly.

The operation was stopped immediately and attempts were made to resuscitate Mrs Weston, a former civil servant.

The specialist anaesthetist and colleagues believed the most probable cause was an embolism, or blood clot, so gave Mrs Weston blood

thinning medication. Resuscitation proved unsuccessful.

A post-mortem later revealed she had experienced a massive haemorrhage in her abdominal cavity.

Dr Iqbal Dhesi, a consultant pathologist at Walsall Manor Hospital, said an artery had ruptured under pressure, perhaps during the operation.

Raj Rao, the anaesthetist, said

he could see no signs of internal bleeding before deciding to administer the blood thinning medication, which may have increased the bleeding. He said he had to decide between 'doing something or nothing'.

The medical cause of death was massive retroperitoneal intra-abdominal haemorrhage and bleeding during spinal surgery.

# Pilgrim's progress for new bishop

PREPARATIONS are under way to welcome the new Bishop of Dudley who will be walking and cycling 30 miles between special services this weekend.

The Rt Revd Graham Usher is guest of honour at two services marking the start of his new ministry.

On Saturday there will be a Eucharist service at St Thomas and St Luke Church (known as Top Church) in Dudley at 4pm. A number of dignitaries from the borough will attend including the Mayor and Mayoress of Dudley. Then on Sunday, Bishop Graham will be installed as a Canon of Worcester Cathedral at Evensong at 4pm.

Between the services Bishop Graham will be cycling and walking the 32 miles from Dudley to Worcester, before crossing the River Severn on the Caen Hill ferry.

Bishop Graham said: "I hope that by cycling and walking to Worcester I will be able to undertake my own pilgrimage. This means taking in the landscapes at a slower pace, feeling the earth underfoot and seeing the changing industries, listening to the different sounds and praying for the different communities I pass through."

# Six win jobs at recruiting day

A MOTOR business held an X Factor style recruitment event which whittled down 110 applicants for sales jobs to the six chosen to take on the positions.

Trust Group UK, which has Volkswagen dealerships in Stourbridge and Wolverhampton, has taken on staff from outside the industry. They include a former social worker and a teacher.

Managing director Andrew Hockney said: "This was our second recruitment day with an X Factor style selection process, and proved even more popular than the first."

# Slasher festival

A FESTIVAL celebrating the life of bare-knuckle boxer William Perry, better known as the Tipton Slasher, is being held in a free admission event featuring period boxing re-enactments at Coronation Garden in the town on Sunday from 12.30pm onwards.

# Inquiry over saga of care home transfer

CAMPAIGNERS have made an official complaint over a council's conduct over a closure threatened care home.

New Bradley Hall care home, in Kingswinford, was earmarked to shut in a shake-up of adult social care in the borough.

After a public outcry with more than 5,000 people signing a petition to protest, council chiefs were forced to re-

think the plans.

Councillors have announced that they will transfer the home to Blackheath-based housing and care provider Black Country Housing Group after holding a tendering process.

A period of due diligence is under way before they can take over where the transfer of staff will be agreed. But a date for this has yet to be set but the council say staff, residents and their families will be kept informed.

However, members of the New Bradley Hall action group have voiced concerns. They claim they were not informed over the decision to seek a new not-for-profit group to manage the Compton Drive home which cares for the elderly.

The group also want assurances over Black Country Housing Group's credentials but council bosses say the organisation has a proven track record in the care industry.

Dudley Council director of adult, community and housing services, Andrea Pope-Smith, said: "The council has appointed an Independent Complaints Investigator to respond to a formal complaint raised by the New Bradley Hall Protest Group.

The report will be concluded by the end of the month. We will publish the findings on the council's website."

She added: "Black Country Housing Group has vast experience in the provision of community services and support."

FAMILIES can try out sports at a revamped park during an action-packed fun day.

Preparations are already under way for the event at Baffery Park, Dudley, on May 5.

The park's friends group has lined up sporting activities.

People can ride a purpose built skateboard ramp with exhibitions by professional boarders and local skaters.

The cycle tracks course returns this year and there will be a chance for those with a head for heights to test out a climbing wall.

Zumba and tennis taster sessions will be on offer during the event which runs from 11am to 5pm.

There is also an outdoor gym at the park, off Selborne Road, to help keep people healthy.

Many activities will be free and people are invited to bring their own bikes and skateboards.

In addition there will be a stalls, birds of prey demonstrations, a barbecue, live music, bouncy castles, slides, tug o' war and orb or bubble football, where people play the game while wearing an inflated wrap.

## Long service is piece of cake



Chairman John Edwards and chief executive Paula Clark with Nicola Bussey

HOSPITAL staff in Dudley who notched up more than 500 years of service have been honoured. The celebration shone the spotlight on workers who have reached key milestones in their years of service for Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, ranging from 15 to 40 years.

For the first time the ceremony also celebrated the long service of volunteers.

Twenty-five people from the trust, which runs Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley, were presented with a long service certificate and badge by chief executive Paula

Clark and chairman John Edwards. They were treated to a celebratory tea and a slice of long service cake made for the event.

Recipient Pam Boucher, one of the trust's first volunteers to receive a Long Service Award, said that since becoming a volunteer in 1999 she has enjoyed every minute.

Nicola Bussey, who celebrated 40 years, said: "It's amazing to think that when I started out I used a typewriter and everything was paper based, now consultants can sit at their desks and see X-rays taken minutes ago on their computers."

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# THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



OH, the indignity! From now on, anyone borrowing money to buy a house will have to convince the bank that they can afford the repayments. This tough new procedure has been denounced by one City slicker as "onerous and intrusive." The rest of us will regard it as commonsense – especially if it's my bank lending the money.

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IT was, of course, a lack of such financial control under the Blair/Brown governments that led directly to Britain's financial crisis. I recall one couple some years ago at the height of mortgage-madness who told me they'd borrowed £400,000 to buy a restaurant without any savings or proof of income. It all ended in tears, for them and millions like them.

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"THE most thankless job in the world." Correspondent Peter Osborne's description of the minister for tourism in Syria.

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THE BBC at first blamed "sound issues" for the incomprehensible lines in this week's mini-series *Jamaica Inn* (BBC1). Did anyone buy that? What we heard was an exercise in that ancient theatrical craft of speaking in Mumbleshire rural gibberish. The actors could have spoken more clearly. They either chose or were directed not to ("It's Cornwall, darling, no-one's supposed to understand."). The result was lots of us switching on the subtitles. I was reminded of a night at the theatre when I seriously thought I was going deaf, so bad was the muffled mumble on the stage. And then that great actor and all-round national treasure Celia Imrie made her entrance. Every word she spoke was crystal-clear. Cancel the hearing aids.

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UKIP stands accused of racism over its election posters. But then we are all racists – it's just a question of how low you set the qualifying bar. I was accused of "appalling racism" a few days ago for suggesting that the US diplomat Zbigniew Brzezinski had a name like a winning line in Scrabble. A Daily Telegraph reader recently described being ticked off by a teacher for uttering the word "blackboard" (negative, ethnic overtones, apparently). UKIP's posters are certainly blunt, but then whoever said election posters had to pussyfoot around the issues?

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A FREEDOM of Information request reveals that 67 NHS doctors have signed abortion forms without even seeing the woman involved. But no-one is to be prosecuted or even reported to the police by the General Medical Council. Labour MP Jim Dobbin says: "This shames the GMC and makes a mockery of the Abortion Act." Actually, it's worse than that. It is a warning of how euthanasia will work if it is ever legalised. Over the years, all the safeguards on abortion have been swept aside and the safeguards on euthanasia will go the same way. Abortion on demand has been promoted as "a woman's right to choose." Euthanasia on demand will arrive with the slogan "a family's right to choose," or some such nonsense. But remember as ye sow, ye reap. For the babyboomer generation, now in their 60s and 70s, who have allowed abortion to happen on an industrial scale will be the first generation to be helped off this planet with a lethal overdose, whether they want to go or not.

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A FRIEND whose car mysteriously broke down and refused to start has been told by the garage that it's probably a fault with the immobiliser. On the other hand, it could be the immobiliser working perfectly but at the wrong time. Progress, eh?

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OUR changing language. Did you catch the lady from the Met Office promising us "a sandwich of sunshine"? We got a doughnut of damp.

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# Police investigation team moving in

TWO hundred new staff will be recruited at the police watchdog's new offices near Halesowen to allow it to investigate complaints about the police.

Bosses at the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) are planning to open a base in Quinton by July. The organisation, which oversees complaints against police forces and officers, has been criti-

cised by Government ministers for being "under-equipped" to tackle some investigations.

Lawyers, analysts and support staff are among the positions being created at the offices.

Employees will be recruited over the next few months and the staff will allow it to take on extra investigations.

IPCC acting chief executive

Amanda Kelly welcomed the news, saying the offices were the "ideal location" headquarters.

Officials said the new office and recruitment drive is part of the IPCC's expansion programme announced by the Home Secretary in February 2013. Its budget will increase by more than 50 per cent in 2014/15 and is intended to give the IPCC capacity to deal with

more serious and sensitive allegations against the police. The IPCC is looking for people from diverse backgrounds.

IPCC Commissioner Derrick Campbell said: "It is vital that we recruit people that are, above all, open minded and conscientious when it comes to challenging information and dealing with the police and with the public."

# £35k energy boss to help cut council bills

A COUNCIL aiming to cut its £7 million bill for utilities such as gas, electricity and water is taking on an 'energy manager', who could be paid up to £35,000 a year.

Bosses at Dudley Council say they must make cutbacks of at least £250,000 on energy bills to around 800 properties it owns across the borough.

The authority faces making tough decisions after admitting it needs to make an additional £32m of cuts in the next three years. It comes after the council had already planned for £26m of savings over the same period before a worse-than-expected grant from Government.

### Risk

Under the initial plan to save £26m, the council had proposed up to 334 job losses by 2017 but it is now feared that another 40 positions could be at risk. The council says these stark predictions means it needs to find more savings and its energy bills need to be slashed.

The council does not have a dedicated officer responsible to look at ways of cutting energy costs, consumption and carbon emissions. They say a new energy manager "would be responsible for delivering savings and reducing carbon consumption". The energy expert is expected to pick up a salary of between £32,072 to £34,984 per year. In a report council bosses say the salary would be paid out of the savings made on energy costs.

"One of the key targets for the new member of staff will be reducing the energy bill across more than 800 council buildings by £250,000 a year."

Campaigner Jerry Langford, of Dudley Coalition Against the Cuts, said: "We would broadly not be against a role like this.

"You would think that there was a way of someone already in-house being able to do this role, though."

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# Joining forces in bid to cut energy bill

HOUSEHOLDERS are being urged to sign up to a campaign to help them get the best deal on their energy bills.

Dudley Council has launched their fourth big switch campaign as part of a national initiative in which councils take part in collective energy auctions.

The big switch aims to encourage large numbers of residents to join forces under the council banner to secure the best tariffs from energy suppliers.

## Deadline

The council is urging people to register by the June 9 deadline. The more people that register, the greater the opportunity to gain a better deal from energy providers but there is no obligation to switch.

John Polychronakis, chief executive at Dudley Council, said: "Although the winter months are now behind us, this isn't a time to be complacent.

"I would encourage residents to act now against increasing fuel prices by registering for this most recent auction."

Register online at [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) or by visiting or calling Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345.

## Concert of the classics

AN AFTERNOON concert featuring string and wind ensembles is being organised by school music teachers — and will be free for under-18s.

Oldswinford Hospital School music teachers Steven Swindells, Anna Downs and Helen Foster are bringing the Vellon Ensemble and the Chameleon Ensemble to play a matinee concert via not-for-profit group Local & Live at St James' Church, Wollaston, at 3pm on Saturday. The programme includes music by Mozart, Elgar and Gershwin. Tickets are £8 on the door.

## Collectors' fair

AN antiques fair will be held in Kinver this weekend. The Waverley Fairs takes place on the first Sunday of every month at Kinver Community Centre. It runs between 10.30am and 3.30pm. Call 0121 5504123 for details.

# Firm fined £1,000 after worker injured

A METAL works firm has been fined £1,000 after a worker lost part of a finger in an unguarded machine.

P&D Group Services Ltd today said it had learnt lessons from the accident, which happened at its base off Old Bush Street in Brierley Hill.

Dudley Magistrates' Court heard how a 36-year-old worker from Rowley Regis had been operating machinery which folds metal strips into hollow tubes to form parts of a shutter. When a dent appeared in the

sheets, he tried to feel what was causing the problem but his glove got caught and his finger was pulled into a roller. The injury was so serious he had to have the top of his finger amputated and was off work for seven weeks. He has since returned to the company, doing the same job.

## Inevitability

Following an investigation by the Health and Safety Executive, it was discovered the machine had been unguarded during the incident on September 25 last year. The company was fined £1,000 and ordered to

pay £1,414 in costs after pleading guilty to a breach in work equipment regulations.

Health and Safety Executive inspector John Glynn told the court: "This was not an isolated incident on a single day. Lack of guarding had persisted over a period of time, meaning there was an inevitability of someone being injured at some point. This employee suffered a shocking and painful injury that was entirely preventable. It was P&D Group's responsibility to ensure work equipment was safe and that dangerous moving parts were guarded. For some time the company required staff to approach the

danger area around the rollers to set up and adjust the machine during production runs, yet continuously failed to identify and address the matter of the missing guards.

"Preventing access to dangerous parts of machinery is a legal requirement and there is ample guidance and industry standards."

A spokesman for P&D Group Services Ltd, which trades as Insulated Roller Shutter Projects, said there had been "enormous" improvements made at the firm, which employs 17 since the incident. He said all machinery now had guards, adding: "We have learnt from this incident."

# Ukip leader says Black Country is a key target

MOBBED by supporters and international media, Nigel Farage swept into Dudley on Friday as his party Ukip makes the Black Country one of its key targets for European and council election seats.

The charismatic leader of the Eurosceptic political party donned his trademark trilby and a wax overcoat to take a tour of Dudley town centre before a rousing speech to 650 inside a packed Dudley town hall.

Dubbing it the 'Black Country Blast', Mr Farage says Dudley, as well as Wolverhampton, had seen an 'exceptional' rise in party membership and activism in the run up to next month's elections.

He said: "In Dudley we are doing exceptionally well. Growth has been really good. We are fielding a full slate of 24 candidates and we could win enough seats to form the official opposition on council here."

"It is an important area for us in the European and local elections and the aim is to be the top party in the region for Europe and number two in the local elections. I'm calling it our Black Country Blast."

He went on to say: "The reception in the Black Country has been superb — you can't quite put your finger on it but there is something about this place — its sense of tradition, patriotism, both English and British, which make it such a friendly place to come to."

Mr Farage's first stop was at the street market in Dudley where he surprised those traders who were sticking it out in the rain. He and his entourage also ate fish and chips in Sedgley and supped a pint of Bathams in Upper Gornal.

The MP said: "Apprenticeships play a pivotal role in raising our nation's skills. They also deliver a strong return on investment, for Dudley South's employers and, ultimately, for the apprentices themselves."



## Party boss accused of 'peddling hatred'

IN Dudley Town Hall Nigel Farage's jokes and views on getting the UK out of the European Union went down a treat — while on the street outside a group of around two dozen protesters accused his party of 'peddling hatred'.

The capacity audience on Friday night were in stitches after Farage teed off with talk of his latest recruitment campaign.

"I was in Manchester last night," he boomed. "And I was hoping to make a rather high-profile signing. David Moyes. He's done a terrific job of tak-

ing Manchester United out of Europe."

The 50-year-old spoke for around an hour, making a rallying call for people to join 'Ukip's people's army.'

He said his party was on the 'verge' of the biggest shake-up and breakthrough in recent political history, even claiming his party could win enough seats at next year's General Election to be 'kingmakers' in a hung parliament.

He said: "The three other parties are people same the political elite. They go to the same schools, they go to Ox-

ford, study PPE, become a researcher for a politician, become an MP at 27 or 28, then are in the Cabinet at 40."

"They have never done a proper day's work."

He added: "If next year and we are in the position the Lib Dems are, then make no mistake there will be an EU referendum."

Protesters accused the Ukip leader of sleaze, bigotry and divisive politics. Dave Traxson, of Wolverhampton, said: "The poster campaign of Ukip is a disgrace. They are peddling hatred."

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## NEWS in brief

### Couple in war graves mission

A COUPLE visiting the First World War battlefield of Gallipoli are offering to photograph the graves of any soldiers who have relatives in the Black Country.

Margaret Carter and Steve Moore, of Lawnswood, near Stourbridge, are travelling to the Turkish peninsula where the Allies suffered around 250,000 casualties.

Anybody with relatives buried at Gallipoli, or Lemnos, which they are also visiting, can contact them on 01384 375499.

### Tugs chugging in for May Day fun

BLACK Country Living Museum's bi-annual Tug Boat event takes place this weekend.

Historic canal tugs, some dating back to the 19th century, will be making a splash from Saturday to Monday.

Children can join in with Hands on Heritage canal crafts and create colourful canal art.

On Monday May Day celebrations will include Maypole dancing with professional dancers accompanied by live music.

### Bishop's wife funeral arranged

THE funeral has been arranged for the Bishop of Worcester's wife, who died after a battle with cancer.

Denise Inge passed away on Sunday, nine months after she was diagnosed with sarcoma. The 50-year-old died with her husband Rt Rev Dr John Inge and daughters Eleanor and Olivia by her side.

Her funeral will take place at Worcester Cathedral at Tuesday at 2pm.

### Scheme will be helping hospice

THOSE looking to get a will can have one written at a reduced price while helping a good cause.

Mary Stevens Hospice in Stourbridge has teamed up with solicitors Benson-Williams after the charity designated May as Wills month. Contact the fundraising team on 01384 377778 or email info@msfhfundraising.co.uk

### Two pubs reopen

TWO Stourbridge pubs are re-opening under new ownership following refurbishment. The Waggon and Horses in Worcester Street, opens today and the Seven Stars, Brook Road, Oldswinford, tomorrow.



BILL Nighy once remarked that very little stirred him to feelings of patriotism.

The professional luvvie, best known for his role in the saccharine-soaked romantic comedy Love Actually, said: "I'm always slightly suspicious of anyone carrying a flag, of any colour."

So how did anybody ever think it would be a good idea casting him in the role of Sgt Wilson for a remake of that most patriotic of sitcoms, Dad's Army?

Remakes of much-loved films and television shows are a minefield at the best of time. Think the 2006 version of The Pink Panther, with Steve Martin taking the role of Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau. What was that all about?

Or even worse, the 2009 'reboot' of Minder. Really, we should have known from the start that this would be a turkey. Anything that brands itself a 'reboot' is certain to be hateful.

But Dad's Army? There are really some things you should never touch.

This series was the epitome of Britishness, a tale of the stolid underdog who would fight to the death in the face of any adversity.

It was also a brilliant comedy of manners, pitting the chippy, working-class-lad-done-well Mainwaring against the foppish, lazy dilettante Sgt Wilson.

It is hard to see how a metropolitan intellectual like Nighy would fit in with this.

And besides, what is the point? Maybe there would be a case for the BBC trying to remake some of the early episodes which have been lost. But a glossy, cinematic remake? It's wrong, wrong, wrong.

I don't know who came up with the idea, but I suspect that if Sgt Wilson were around, he would have some gentle words of advice.

"Do you think that's wise, Sir?"

And no doubt Captain Mainwaring would be much more direct: "Stupid boy!"

Or, as Warden Hodges would say: Ruddy hooligans.

TALKING of Bill Nighy, it seems that the police in Bristol seem to have taken another one of his films to heart.

After hearing reports of a stolen moped they sent five high-powered police cars and a helicopter to pursue the rogue riders.

But on discovering that the fugitives weren't wearing crash helmets, the boys in blue decided to slow down the pursuit to a snail's pace to comply with health and safety guidance.

The chase lasted for two-and-a-half hours.

Lads, lads. Hot Fuzz was a comedy. Not a training video.



Some of the memorabilia that are on display



Duncan Edwards Way on Dudley Southern Bypass



The statue of Duncan in Dudley town centre



IT seemed like the ultimate publicity stunt.

In the meetings to discuss the opening ceremony for the Commonwealth Games, blowing up five tower Glasgow tower blocks in front of a worldwide television audience must have seemed like a superb wheeze.

But now, with just weeks to go to the start, Commonwealth Games chiefs have been forced to perform an embarrassing U-turn and abandon the spectacular after 17,500 people signed a petition objecting to the plans. More to the point, several people living in the shadow of the flats said they would refuse to leave their homes to allow the explosions to take place.

Certainly, blowing up five of Scotland's tallest buildings would have made great television. And when similar such demolitions have been performed in the Black Country, there have been no shortage of people turning out to enjoy the spectacle.

However, while blowing up rundown, unpopular tower blocks might be popular in the short-term, there surely must be a debate to be had about whether it is a good long-term housing policy.

The high-rise flats of the 1950s and 60s were certainly not what one would call an architectural triumph. In the past, weak security, an unsuitable tenant mix, and poor maintenance has made many of them difficult to let. And once a block gets a bad name, it is very hard to shake off.

Also, it should be recognised that many of these blocks are now between 50 and 60 years old, and were often built hurriedly and cheaply to solve Britain's postwar housing crisis.

Memorabilia included trophies, medals and caps, to football shirts, photographs, old newspaper cuttings and pictures, including a 10-minute video-clip of footage celebrating the player's life.

And the trail would not be complete without a visit to the statue of the sporting great which has pride of place in the town's Market Place.

#### Shrine

Duncan's cousin Keith said: "I am delighted to hear about this trail. It is a wonderful and very moving treatment to Duncan," he said.

"It keeps his memory alive and highlights the pride people still have in Duncan and what he achieved. His grave remains a shrine to fans."

Mr Edwards said the family visited the grave twice a year, for his birthday on October 1 and also when he died on February 21, and would walk the trail when they were next in the area.

The guide is available from museums in the borough, Dudley Archives and Local History Centre, libraries and visitor attractions.

A version can be downloaded from the history and archives section of the Discover Dudley website at [discover.dudley.gov.uk/history-archives/duncan-edwards](http://discover.dudley.gov.uk/history-archives/duncan-edwards).

Dudley Council chief executive John Polychronakis said: "Duncan Edwards is one of Dudley's most famous sons and his life and legacy is something we are all extremely proud of and he will never be forgotten."



England training with Stanley Matthews, left, and captain Billy Wright, right, in 1957

in the late 1940s. He tragically died at the age of 21 from injuries sustained in the Munich air disaster on February 6, 1958.

But fans continue to celebrate his achievements and the visitor trail is the latest in a series of tributes paid to the star dubbed by his teammate Sir Bobby Charlton as 'the greatest player I have played with'.

Among the stops is St Francis Church, Laurel Road, where there is a stained glass window in Duncan's honour. It depicts the player and was designed by Francis Skeat. Sir Matt Busby unveiled the window on August 27, 1961 and said: "There will only be one Duncan Edwards and any boy who strives to emulate Duncan or take him as his model, won't go far wrong."

Part of the trail is the player's grave in Dudley Cemetery, on Stourbridge Road. It has long been a shrine to fans and there is usually a fresh bunch of red and white flowers filling the black granite vase below the 6ft headstone.

The trail also includes Duncan Edwards Close, named in his honour,

designed by Francis Skeat. Sir Matt Busby unveiled the window on August 27, 1961 and said: "There will only be one Duncan Edwards and any boy who strives to emulate Duncan or take him as his model, won't go far wrong."

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## Legion seek help with hero exhibition

TO celebrate the centenary of the Great War, the Lower Gornal Branch of the Royal British Legion is forming an exhibition based on local heroes. We are, of course, aware of these that paid the ultimate sacrifice. What we do lack is information on those that returned home from the war and continued in their lives.

To this end we are interested in acquiring loan memorabilia from members of the local community for a short period. The exhibition will be shown in the public library and also within the British Legion club.

Anyone who is willing to allow photographs and other documents to be used can forward these by email to br3247tbl@btinternet.com with donor details so the due acknowledgement can be given. Persons willing to loan mementoes, including medals, can deliver same to the Royal British Legion club in Ruiton Street, Lower Gornal, securely packed and marked for the attention of the branch committee. Please include details for safe return of such items.

**KEN FINCH, CHAIRMAN**  
Lower Gornal Branch RBL

## Impact of changes to benefits

AN Oxfam report just published states 1.75 million people are affected by the benefit changes.

This is on top of real term benefit cuts. It has hit the most vulnerable in society — the coalition Government's welfare cap and the bedroom tax, cuts in council tax.

The worst hit 200,000 of the poorest families and the disabled are losing out by £876.00 per year.

Mark Goldring of Oxfam said the Government were blowing massive holes in their safety net. It is further proof that the bedroom tax has been a disaster.

The Coalition's answer to the Oxfam report is burying their heads in the sand and saying that a strong safety net is working.

I just hope the people of this country know where to stamp their feet in the upcoming May elections and don't forget the Tories wouldn't have been able to have brought out these policies without the dedicated help of the Lib-Dems.

**B WHITEHOUSE**

Kingswinford

### LETTERS

#### to the Editor

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

## Nothing wrong with sense of smell

I RECENTLY wrote about the smell of dog mess on the park at Wall Heath, and this is not the only park, especially when freshly mowed.

I can assure J Jones there is nothing at all wrong with my sense of smell.

Perhaps he and his friends have lived there so long that they have become immune to the smell (or perhaps they walk about with pegs on their noses).

If he/she takes a walk up the gully between the park and the shops there is plenty on the ground to see, and if he/she bends down and puts their fingers in it, then rub it on their noses they might recognise the type of smell I'm talking about.

Also, on dog fouling, does this person not realise that dog faeces carry a worm

that can cause blindness in young children or is it that they just don't care?

I, like millions of other people, have grandchildren who play on these parks and believe this was the purpose they were built for, not walking dogs.

I must admit, I may be wrong about the park itself, I have noticed a number of dog bins situated around the park and this could be the source of the smell, but on a warm day it is definitely there.

Perhaps J Jones should try venturing out of his/her airtight box once in a while and take the peg off their nose and have a stroll through the dog mess round the park.

**R HAYWOOD**  
17 Oakleigh Road  
Oldswinford  
Stourbridge

## More votes for no one

WITH the MEP elections soon and our General Election next year, the thought occurs to me as to why the majority of people do not bother to vote. If it was local elections, the majority would vote 'for or against' the sitting councillor.

But what I am suggesting is how to increase the 23 percent who do actually vote. I should like to see on the ballot papers an extra candidate, shown as 'no name', of a non-existent party. If voters could not see any particular person or party they wanted to vote for, they could vote for 'no name', as a protest vote, instead of just spoiling their ballot papers, if as I believe, this would attract more voters to the polls, just to register a protest vote.

Should the 'no name' candidate win (it may be possible), then the main parties should re-assess their candidates, with the lowest polling parties withdrawing from the contest, before another poll is conducted.

**J JONES**  
Wordsley

## Seeking facts on old soldier

I AM carrying out research into Private 4271 E. Perks, of the Worcestershire Regiment, who was killed on 13th March 1916, and is buried in the churchyard at St Mary's Church, Oldswinford, Stourbridge.

I would like any relatives of Private Perks — or anyone who knows anything about him — to contact me on 01384 372499.

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# Mountain of rubbish sees public bill pile up

A LEGAL row over a towering pile of rubbish has so far cost the taxpayer almost £90,000 as environment bosses said only 10 per cent of the waste had been cleared.

Environment Agency officials have also spent almost £10,000 on an aircraft to fly over the waste pile to create a 3D map.

But they said they would still pursue the bosses at Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd, in Brierley Hill, to pay for the clean-up of the site as well as the legal costs.

**Blighted**

Residents in the area have long complained about the views from their windows being blighted by rubbish piled around 40ft high in places at one time.

Many of those living nearby, including in new homes on the old Royal Brierley Crystal site, have been demanding a clear-up since 2009.

The company, which recycles waste for use in the fuel industry, was ordered to reduce the height of the mound. But although some waste was removed the firm failed to meet strict orders set by the High Court in Birmingham.

Company director Robert McNaughton was sentenced to six months in prison last December for contempt of court after failing to meet deadlines to remove the waste.

According to a Freedom of Information request, the Environment Agency have accrued legal fees of £87,770.87 to bring the action against the firm. This includes £22,787.47, excluding VAT, in barrister's fees, £53,577 in internal legal costs and £1,739.40 in court fees.

The agency also spent £9,667 flying an aircraft over the site, in Moor Street, using light detection and rang-



The huge mound of waste at the Moor Street site in Brierley Hill



The mountain of rubbish as seen over the rooftops from Bagie Walk in Brierley Hill

Sharon Robinson said they are continuing to work towards the clean up of the site. But she said: "We believe that the taxpayer should not pay for this.

It is the result of commercial activity involving RDF Limited and the landowners. We will continue to press the parties responsible to clear the site."

Mr McNaughton could not be contacted for a comment

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Pingo p-p-picks up  
birthday celebrations



Dudley Zoo bird keeper Kriss Pearson with Humboldt penguin Pingu, which 23 years old

BIRD keepers at Dudley Zoo have been celebrating the birthday of their oldest penguin. Pingu, who turned 23 this week, was one of five Humboldt penguins brought to zoo in 1991.

Keeper Kriss Pearson said: "It's because of him that we now have 67 parent-reared penguins in the bay, which is one of the largest colonies of Humboldt penguins in the UK."

Celebrations continued last Friday to mark World Penguin Day, an annual event to coincide with the northern migration of penguins.

The birds, which are classed as vulnerable, originate along the South American coastline in areas reached by the Humboldt current, named after German scientist, Alexander Von Humboldt explored the region in the late 1700s.

# Waste site proposals stink, say protesters

A CAMPAIGN group fighting plans for a waste recycling plant in Brierley claims people living within a half-a-mile radius could be faced with 'stomach-wrenching' odour.

Clean Power Properties insists its proposed plant off Moor Street will not generate bad smells and has described an 'odour map' by the Brierley Hill Say No To Waste Site group as 'not relevant'.

The map covers an area with six churches, three schools and homes.

Group member have warned residents they could be impacted by odour from the plant in a rallying call to bring more people on board their campaign.

A public meeting takes place at Hawbush Primary School on June 7 - just over two weeks before a planning inquiry at Dudley Town Hall to decide on the controversial project, first unveiled two years ago.

Campaign spokesman Tim Lee said the map was based on another anaerobic digestion plant at the Poplars Landfill site, Cannock.

He said they measured the radius by the distance people living from the Biffa-run site had complained

about smells. Mr Lee, aged 63, of Seagers Lane, said: "Residents in Cannock are far away as 800 metres are complaining."

"We have paid a visit to the houses near the Cannock site and when we stopped the car we could smell it, it was like rotting food - it was stomach-wrenching."

Clean Power Properties has claimed the plant, which will process 195,000 tons of waste a year and create 30 jobs, will not cause a smell.

A spokesman said: "The odour map is not relevant to the Clean Power proposal."

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They call it dentophobia – an extremely common affliction where sufferers are scared stiff of going to the dentist.

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Panic attacks, fainting, being tense, hyperventilating and just "being terrified" are all symptoms.

In a campaign to address these fears, Dudley's North Street Dental Clinic is setting aside staff for a month and running "drop-in-and-chat" sessions to help sufferers. **No appointment is necessary.**

The clinic's "Love Your Dentist" initiative promises a listening ear, as much time as people need and lots of "tea and sympathy." All consultations with the dentist and clinical diagnosis are being offered free, including all the necessary X-rays.

Whether it's the dentist's drill, needles, the apprehension over pain, gagging, or something else to blame for these anxieties, avoiding them puts people's health at risk, says North Street dentist Polly (GDC No 188090), a Doctor of Dental Medicine, who joined the team after working in Michigan, USA, at a prestigious cosmetic dental centre.

The good news is that all phobias are curable. Polly, who looks after the practice's general dentistry, has been encountering nervous patients for years and on both sides of the Atlantic.

She admits that historically her own profession has not helped alleviate the national problem "but dentistry has changed dramatically in its approach to treatments and the care of patients," she says.

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## Medieval theme to draw tourists to town landmark

### THE WAY I SEE IT



Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

'Let's open the castle for plays and concerts throughout the summer. Events like this would bring thousands of visitors'

to visit food banks here in Dudley and the Black Country. Despite only helping people that are referred to them by doctors and Job Centres, they're still struggling to meet demand. They do phenomenal work but would be overjoyed if demand dried up tomorrow.

Our out-of-touch Government hasn't got a clue how difficult life is for people at the moment.

The use of zero hour contracts has also exploded under David Cameron. New figures from the Office for National Statistics show that the number of workers on zero hours contracts has tripled since 2010, with some studies suggesting that up to a million workers are affected.

These contracts offer no set hours and no set wage. In many companies staff do work fixed hours and know how many hours they'll be working. But I've met others who don't know how many hours they'll be working the following day. Some local people tell me they have to be available even though they might not be called to work. Some turn up only to be told to go home after an hour or so. For some workers on these contracts it's impossible to budget from one week to the next. Job security is non-existent and it's impossible to plan for the future.

I don't want to ban zero hours contracts but we need action to prevent them being abused, to bring wages up and ensure they are not used for people who are in practice working regular hours.

something really exciting for the castle and the town.

New figures released in the last couple of weeks show the extent of the food bank crisis here in the West Midlands. In the last year alone a record 93,461 people used food banks in the West Midlands, including 35,425 children.

That's why I was so pleased to hear that the castle will be hosting a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream this summer when I met zoo boss Peter Suddock last week. The performance is on Saturday, July 12, at 6pm with tickets priced £10 for adults and £5 concessions. Full details are available from Leasowes School on 01384 816 285. This could be the start of

The figures were put together by the Trussell Trust, a Christian charity that runs 400 food banks across the country including 85 in our region. The Trust says the explosion in demand at their food banks is down to the rising cost of living and the chaos in the welfare reforms.

The Government has to take some responsibility for this. As a result of rising

prices and falling wages, families are £1,600 worse off a year and the Government's Bedroom Tax alone has pushed nearly 2,000 households in Dudley into rent arrears. Rather than take responsibility and face up to this crisis, the Government wants to pretend it doesn't exist.

Last year they blamed the crisis on more food banks opening and earlier this year ministers told me it was all down to supermarkets making more donations to food banks. Now they're blaming these latest figures on food banks "aggressively marketing their services" to people in need.

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Reflecting on her long career she says: "We make a good team, Polly and me," adding that all the transitions she has seen at the practice, the latest £500,000 refurbishment has been the most dramatic.

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But the dentistry landscape has also changed

equally dramatically. "Children were terrified of the dentist in the early days, especially the school dentist and that scary clinical imagery that surrounded them still troubles some of our more mature patients today," says Ann.

#### Nothing silly about being afraid

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"Fears are often irrational and many sufferers know that's the case, but they're nonetheless real and we recognise that. After all, fears are a natural reaction to things we dislike."

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# Stephen celebrates fund passing the £3m mark

DYING teenager Stephen Sutton's fundraising drive has smashed the £3 million mark.

The cancer patient from Burntwood has released a new 'thumbs up' photograph of himself as donations continued to flood in for his fundraising appeal for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

He has captured the hearts of millions of people throughout the world with his inspirational fight against the disease. The 19-year-old is in hospital after his condition deteriorated but he has shown improvements after coughing up a tumour. He has been battling cancer for three years and is fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Posting his new picture online he wrote: 'One week ago I posted a 'thumbs up farewell' photo that went viral. As mentioned, at that point a genuinely thought I was a goner but one week on I'm still here!'

'Overall my time here will still be cut significantly short by my illness (but I've known that anyway for a while anyway). Coughing up that tumour has helped hugely but headlines



A new thumbs up from Stephen

He said his medical team were currently discussing what to do next, but added: 'In the meantime: To celebrate still being here after this crazy week, to celebrate this wonderful journey called life, and to celebrate being part of raising over £3,000,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust... Here's a huge thumbs up from me!!!!'

## Gig

Comedian Jason Manford held a one-off gig at Players' Bar in Birmingham on Sunday and said he hoped the fund would go on to reach £5m for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Stephen inspired the world when last week he posted what he thought would be his final blog entry on Facebook from his hospital bed.

Stephen had initially set out to raise £10,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust and created a bucket list of 46 things to do before he died. But the teenager's story and remarkable attitude to life helped him smash that target, with donations flooding in.

His fundraising has broken all records held by donating website Just-Giving.

Perfect harmony for diamond couple



Diamond couple Gordon and Mary Millership, of Kingswinford, celebrate their 60 years of marriage

HE has serenaded audiences with his voice for decades but there has been only one woman who hit the right note for singer Gordon Millership.

Now he has marked 60 years of wedded bliss with his wife Mary. The couple, of Larch Road, Kingswinford, both 81, celebrated the landmark with family and friends.

They were brought together after Gordon's brother Raymond and Mary's sister Brenda courted and

married. They all went on trips in Gordon's Ford Consul. Three years later Gordon plucked up the courage to propose and they were married at Rounds Green Church, Oldbury, on March 27, 1954.

"We have had a happy life together," he said. "She played hard to get at the start but we eventually got together and have been together ever since."

The couple came from Oldbury

where Mary attended Rounds Green School before working at a printers. After working at several factories, including Accles and Pollocks, Gordon became a tanker driver but turned to coach driving during the summer holidays where he would entertain his passengers by breaking into song. Later he set up his own coach company Gordon's.

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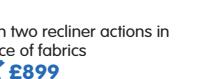


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# Tributes to popular opera singer Lyndsie

SHE was born and bred in the Black Country and rose from humble beginnings to win global acclaim for performances in works by Gilbert and Sullivan.

Tributes have paid to opera singer Lyndsie Holland, from Stourbridge, who has died at the age of 79.

After leaving school she worked as a telephonist, but after starting to perform with a choir her career took a different path.

She performed for one of the leading theatre companies – the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company known for its productions of Gilbert and Sullivan works.

Miss Holland died on April 2 after suffering a heart attack.

Her friend of more than 40 years David Harrison-Steadman, who was principal conductor of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, paid tribute to a performer who 'enjoyed popularity wherever she went'.

Miss Holland, from Pedmore, was the youngest child in a family of eight.

Her introduction to singing came in harmonising with her brothers and hearing opera recordings at their home.

She was born Margaret Foster but took her stage name from the maiden names of her two grandmothers.

Miss Holland attended Stourbridge High School and worked at the British Road Services, Kingswinford, and as a telephonist in Birmingham.

After taking preliminary singing lessons, she sang as soloist with Kingswinford-based male voice choir, the Gentleman Songsters, and was later persuaded to join the Midland Music Makers. To her astonishment and de-



Opera singer Lyndsie Holland rehearsing in Stourbridge in 1976



Lyndsie Holland as Katisha in a production of The Mikado

light she was given a leading role in a production of Borodin's Prince Igor.

At one of the performances she was spotted by a talent scout from Sadler's Wells Opera and after further study at the Birmingham School of Music made her debut for the company in 1968.

Two years later she auditioned for Dame Bridget D'Oyly Carte at the Savoy and was offered a job.

Her first performance was as Lady Sangazure in The Sorcerer. She appeared in the other Gilbert and Sullivan operas as quickly as she could learn the roles including Dame Hannah in Ruddigore, Dame Carruthers in The Yeomen of the Guard and Katisha

in The Mikado. One Broadway critic hailed her as the best Katisha since the 1930s. She sang Little Buttercup in the company's ATV film of HMS Pinafore and also at the Royal Command Performance at Windsor Castle. During the centenary celebrations at the Savoy, BBC Radio 2 transmitted The Mikado with Miss Holland as Katisha. She was principal contralto for the company for nearly seven years.

She spent her final year in a London nursing home.

Mr Harrison-Steadman said: "Success never went to Lyndsie's head and she enjoyed popularity wherever she went."



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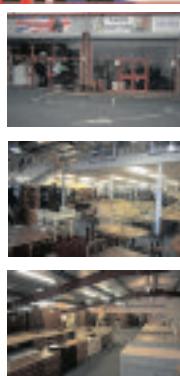
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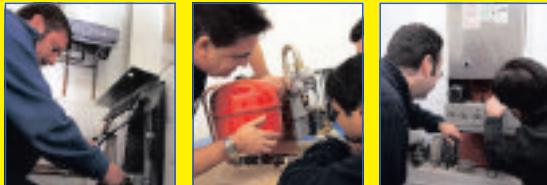
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Figures released by Health and Social Care Information Centre show there were a total of 323 people who required urgent medical treatment between February 2013 and January 2014 as a result of an attack by a dog.

In Dudley 49 people needed urgent treatment while in Sandwell and West Birmingham there were 68 reports and in Wolverhampton 23 people were admitted to hospital.

Changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act last May that made it possible for owners to be prosecuted for dog attacks on private property.

## Eight injured in spate of crashes

EIGHT people were taken to hospital after crashes in the Black Country at the weekend. Six were involved on the Hagley Road, Bearwood, just before 8pm on Sunday.

One man, two women and three children were taken to hospital. One of the women had neck and chest injuries while the man had a neck injury.

A man in his 20s was taken to hospital with leg and pelvic injuries after a two-car crash on the Birmingham New Road, Coseley, early on Monday. A woman was taken to hospital after a two-car crash at the junction of Chapel Street and Pedmore Road, Stourbridge, on Saturday.

HAS the Black Country got the X Factor? More than 100 hopefuls flocked to find out if they have what it takes as auditions for the top TV singing talent show came to Dudley

While usually staged in big arenas, this year the auditions have gone on the road as show bosses scour the country for tomorrow's stars.

They arrived in Dudley last week as singers and musicians waited in the rain for hours outside Dudley Town Hall to get their chance to impress. Queues started forming at around 7.30am, despite auditions not getting under way until noon and those that impressed the show's representatives got the chance to audition for a second time at Birmingham City's football ground, St Andrews, on Thursday.

## Cowell

Singers face up to five elimination rounds before they get to sing in front of Simon Cowell, who this year will be joined by Cheryl Cole and Louis Walsh. The fourth judge is yet to be revealed.

First in line James Davies, aged 20, who sang Angels by Robbie Williams but failed to get through to the second round.

Jamie, from Dudley, spent five hours waiting for his 30 second slot and before his audition said: "I started singing properly about five months ago but have been singing since I was little."

Second in line hoping to wow the judges was Holly Wright, of



Holly Wright was one of the youngest X Factor hopefuls who auditioned at Dudley Town Hall



James Davies, aged 20, sang Angels by Robbie Williams but failed to make it to the second round



Clare Hall, Catherine Owen and Kimberley Massey



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Forest Drive, Old Hill, and at 14, the teenager was only just old enough to take part. She said: "When they lowered the age I thought why not. I have been singing for four years." The pupil at St Michael's in Rowley Regis sang Clown by Emeli Sandé but did not make it to the next stage.

After more than two hours in the rain, there were smiles all round for three female solo singers who each got a yes.

Kimberley Massey, 28, from Corporation Road, Dudley, was asked back after her version of Misery by Pink.

She said: "I have auditioned

seven times and have got through to the second round every time but I am yet to meet the judges.

"I think it is five rounds before you sing in front of them. I really hope I can make it this year."

Catherine Owen, 28, from Brierley Hill, was also given the green light to go one step closer to the

judges, after singing Respect. It was her first time auditioning and she said: "I was very nervous but also very excited."

Mother-of-one Clare Hall from Dudley was also put through.

The 25-year-old said: "I really enjoyed my audition."

## Housing estate hit by spate of burglaries

FIVE burglaries have been recorded in two weeks at a housing estate in Tividale.

One of the cases at Trafalgar Court, off New Birmingham Road, has seen an intruder allegedly make off with a resident's tools. There have also been reports of a stranger knocking on doors posing as a bogus official.

Police say residents are reluctant to come forward and speak to officers about criminal activity. It comes after officers said earlier in the year that the flats were in such a poor condition police couldn't tell if reports of criminal damage were genuine.

The owner of eight out of nine blocks of flats there, Trafalgar Court Property Ltd, has previously been fined tens of thousands of pounds for continued failure to deal with repairs. One of the blocks of flats out of nine is, however, well maintained.

Neighbourhood officer Sergeant Sam Archer said: "We have had five burglaries reported in two weeks on this estate. Tenants are reluctant to speak to us and assist police with inquiries."

A meeting has now been called on the estate tomorrow (Friday) at 10am, to which Sandwell Council representatives, private landlords, representatives from the police's anti-social behaviour team, West Midlands Fire Service and Western Power Distribution are all invited.

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# New creations – and an old favourite

Three Short Works,  
Crescent Theatre, Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM. Royal Ballet began their home city's fourth international dance festival with a triple bill of three short works showcasing new creations and reviving an old favourite.

BRB dancer Kit Holder followed up his exciting Paper Jam and his 2012 festival offering 9-5 with Quatrain. This angular work with its hanging backdrop of steel sculpture featured

moves inspired by tango danced to brittle music, played on solo violin superbly by Royal Ballet Sinfonia leader Robert Gibbs. Technically demanding movement but lacking tango passion.

The second world premiere piece, by former BRB dancer Alexander Whitley, was also danced to string music. Kin was all about fluid movement and dynamic energy. It began with a lithe and liquid solo from Principal Jenna Roberts. The Australian dancer also

gave an eye-catching performance in the final traditional piece, Les Rendezvous, a delightful ballet by Frederick Ashton harking back to the company's 1930s origins. The colourful costumes and charming theme of friends meeting in a park was witty and elegant.

Les Rendezvous will be performed alongside Facade and Dante Sonata in a triple bill at Birmingham Hippodrome from June 4 to 7.

Leon Burakowski

## Little less fun this time Frank

Frank Skinner,  
Symphony Hall

SEVEN years on from his last stand-up tour, funtime Frankie remains frank but a little less fun. The razor-sharp and filthy rude comic of the 1980s and Three Lions chanting football lad of the 90s is now more comfortable with anecdotes about Fortnum and Mason picnic hampers and shopping in Waitrose.

He was worried by six empty seats in the front row. Perhaps the ticket holders had been involved in a car accident, he opined. Skinner need not worry, this was the third of three nights at Birmingham's Symphony Hall and fifth West Midlands gig in eight days.

Age is now his chief concern. He reminded us that he has a partner but worried that using the word 'girlfriend' at his age could only be topped in immaturity by referring to his 'skateboard'.

Frank still tells filthy anecdotes and did so as the show passed the hour mark of his 90 minute set. But, on the whole, Frank is growing old gracefully.

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## Reviews



The launch of Happy Days show with Heidi Range, Ben Freeman and Cheryl Baker

## Musical has plenty of fizz as Happy Days are here again

Happy Days The Musical,  
Birmingham Hippodrome

HEEEYY! Happy Days are here again. And this time in musical form. Ben Freeman starred as everyone's favourite cool guy Fonze, with Heidi Range (Pinky Tuscadero) and Cheryl Baker (Marion Cunningham) also taking lead roles. It was good to see the cast given a chance to shine with everyone in fine voice and faultless in delivery. James Patterson as Howard Cunningham bore the most striking resemblance to their television counterparts.

The Al's Diner from TV was replaced by Arnold's for the stage show and the story centred on the battle to save it from closure. To do so, the Fonz had to wrestle the Malachi brothers. The slow motion fight scenes were very well done and the fast-paced scenery changes ensured the audience kept their eyes on proceedings. It was a watchable production, if short on belly laughs, but with some stand-out lines.

The best line was left to Baker, who presented with a possible list of cocktails to make, quipped: "I have trouble making my mind up" before adding: "Ooh, Bucks Fizz!"

Happy Days The Musical is staged at Wolverhampton Grand from June 9 to 14.

Mark Shipp

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Day 3: After breakfast we head to Ramsey, from here we head to Peel, home to the island's cathedral. Later we stop for a lovely treat at Green's Tea Rooms at Tynwald Hill.

Day 4: Today is left free so you can explore Douglas at your own pace.

Day 5: Breakfast, then it's time to go home. We take the ferry back to Heysham and continue our homeward journey.

The Rutland Hotel, Douglas ★★★

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Day 2: After breakfast you board the coach for a trip to Truro - a small, bustling city with lots of character and interesting things to see. From the flowing rivers to the picturesque Georgian streets, the 18th and 19th Century town houses and the magnificent Victorian Cathedral that dominates the city.

Day 3: After breakfast, we take the coast road from Newquay, past Watergate Bay to the fishing village of Padstow. Padstow is full of Cornish charm - a quaint quayside with colourful fishing boats and narrow cobbled streets with cosy pubs, tea rooms and small shops selling local crafts, art, and locally produced food.

After a walk in Padstow we head a little further up the coast to the village of Tintagel - where you will find numerous shops, tea shops and cosy Pubs.

Day 4: Today is left free so you can relax, use the hotel facilities.

Day 5: After a last, hearty 'Barrowfield' breakfast we bid farewell for home.

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Day 3: After breakfast - a morning trip along the coast to the picturesque fishing port of Brixham. Watch the fishing boats come in and explore the variety of unique shops all located around the harbourside. We return to Torquay early afternoon so you have the chance to spend some time in your resort.

Day 4: Today is left free so you can explore Torquay at your own pace.

Day 5: We leave for home after a last, hearty 'Coppice' breakfast.

The Coppice Hotel Torquay ★★★

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Later this evening - and you could always enjoy a nightcap or two in the hotel bar - or try one of the many other hotels just outside on the Promenade.

Day 2 Monday: Wake to a hearty breakfast (or something lighter, there's plenty of options) then we go up to the Lake District where you'll have time to yourself. Bowness and Ambleside before we leave the Lakes for home - arriving back early evening.

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Day 2: A special day in the Lake District. First we make our way to Haverthwaite Railway Station and board a train for a short journey through the beautiful scenery of the Leven Valley to Lakeside. After a short time in Lakeside we board a boat for a 40 minute cruise on stunning Lake Windermere.

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Later we go to our hotel for overnight stay.

Day 2: After breakfast we leave the hotel for our pre-booked visit to the Palace. The Palace, the Royal Mews, the Queen's Apartments and the State Rooms are all there to see.

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## Flash dancers come Mob-handed

STRICTLY meets street dance in Flash Mob, ashaw that unites some of the most exciting talents on the dance scene, coming to Wolverhampton and Birmingham this summer.

Britain's Got Talent outfit Flawless will team up with Strictly Come Dancing professionals Kevin Clifton, who was partnered with Susanna Reid, and his fiancée Karen Hauer, who partnered Hairy Biker Dave Myers in the series.

Flash Mob also features contemporary dancers Alleviate and Irish fusion couple Brosena from Sky's Got To Dance, plus Tommy Franzen of So You Think You Can Dance. It is at the New Alexandra Theatre on June 27 and the Grand Theatre on July 15 and 16.

## Singing Cavern true to its name

THE Singing Cavern, deep under Dudley Castle and accessed via the canal tunnel, will live up to its name when Cradley Heath Male Voice Choir performs at this most unusual of venues on Saturday, May 17.

Tickets for the 7.30pm concert cost £10.80 including boat transport in and out of the cavern by Dudley Canal Trust.

The concert is one of a series of events including a screening of silent classic The Phantom of the Opera with live musical accompaniment on June 28 (£15).

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# French diva of dance is to provide festival highlight

## Rocker Joe joins the War

THERE will be fireworks when the final arena tour of Jeff Wayne's The War of the Worlds comes to Birmingham LG Arena on June 27 and the Grand

Theatre on July 15 and 16. The spectacular show will feature Jason Donovan and West End star Carrie Hope Fletcher. Joining them is Wolverhampton's X Factor rocker Joe Whelan as The Voice of Humanity. The line-up also features X Factor 2005 winner Shayne Ward, Westlife singer Brian McFadden and Jeff Wayne who will be conducting the 36-piece Ulladubulla Strings.

Effects include the 35-foot tall Martian Fighting Machine and, for the first time, the Victorian author of The War of the Worlds, HG Wells will appear at the event, via modern technology rather than The Time Machine he wrote about.

Tickets for the sixth and final tour cost £38.50.



The spectacular set for The War of the Worlds, touring arenas for the last time

ONE of the finest dancers of the age will be bringing her dynamism and fluid movement to Birmingham Hippodrome in one of the highlights of Birmingham International Dance Festival.

French ballet and contemporary dancer Sylvie Guillem, who was principal female dancer at the Paris Opera Ballet in the 1980s after her sensational performances as a teenager in Rudolf Nureyev's Don Quixote, will present 6,000 Miles Away.

It is a collection of three dance pieces, two in which the 49-year-old dance star features.

### Tempest

Staged on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6 and 7, the programme devised by Guillem includes choreographer William Forsythe's duet Rearray; Mats Ek's Bye, a solo for Beethoven; and ensemble piece 27'52" by Jiri Kylian featuring dancers picked by Guillem.

Canadian choreographer Crystal Pite is influenced by Shakespeare's The Tempest for Tempest Replica being performed by her Kidd Pivot dance company at the Hippodrome tomorrow night (Friday) and Wednesday.

Next Thursday to Saturday Montreal contemporary circus troupe Les 7 doigts de la main (the 7 fingers of the hand) bring their blend of acrobatics, dance and theatre to Birmingham Rep in Sequence 8.



Sylvie Guillem in performance

## It's all about McBusted now

MCBUSTED, featuring members of boy bands Busted and McFly, still have a huge following judging by their four gigs at the LG Arena this month.

James Bourne and Matt Willis will join McFly's Tom Fletcher, Danny Jones, Dougie Poynter and Harry Judd to form the six-piece supergroup. So expect to hear Year 2000 and All About You in the same set when McBusted play the LG tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, then again on May 17 and 27.

The notable absence, former Busted singer Charlie Simpson, continues his solo career after 2012 album Young Pilgrim. Catch up with him at Birmingham's Academy 2 venue on Thursday, May 15.

## Grand illusion will be Infamous

WITH a combination of psychology and showmanship, Derren Brown has made the art of illusion hip again in several TV shows — in which he has regularly baffled and amazed viewers.

But he is probably at his most potent live, as audiences will discover when he brings his show Infamous, the sequel to the hugely popular Svengali, to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday, May 10.

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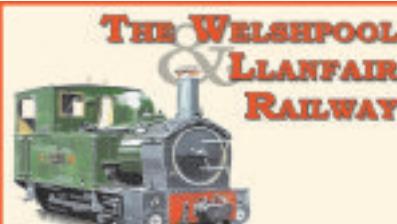
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## CHOICE



Rob Brydon

## The Guess List (BBC1, 9.20pm)

Lined up in Rob Brydon's comedy crosshairs this week are I'm A Celebrity... winner and tunesmith Kian Egan; Kate Silverton; David Walliams, Tess Daly and the man he's spent years impersonating, Ronnie Corbett. His golfing buddy proves to be as amiable as ever, especially as he delivers one of the best gags of the night regarding their recent match on the fairway, "Played nine holes," says Ronnie. "Fell down four." The big question is: will contestants James and Jan manage to fill in the (blankety) blanks when asked questions such as: 'According to a recent survey, what most annoys the British public?' Let's hope so.

## BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 **Ngellissima**. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** Film: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa. (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ben Stiller. **6.30** BBC News: Regional News. **6.50** Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong invites contestants related to the world of crime – either real or fictional – to take part in the game show. They are Lisa Maxwell and Mark Wingett, who star in The Bill, one-time Cuckoo's Nest presenter Sue Cook and actress and novelist Donal MacIntyre. Bad Girls actress Helen Fraser and Jack Ellis, and detective-fiction writers Laura Wilson and Mark Billingham. Who'll be best when it comes to being worst? Richard Osman is the one with the answers. **7.40** The National Lottery: **In It To Win It**. Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side. **8.30** Casualty. An adult reading lesson ends in disaster when a woman grows jealous of her daughter's girlfriend. An inadvertent causes her to end up in hospital suffering from a asthma attack, but that proves to be just the start of the trio's problems. An elderly woman and her two granddaughters make plans to have the best day ever, but things start to go downhill when the granny feels pains in her chest and one of the kids tumbles off a climbing frame. Dixie faces her disciplinary meeting, having moved a patient without permission. Connie raises concerns about Zoe's methods and Fletch's moonlighting as a taxi driver catches up with him. **9.20** The Guess List. David Walliams, Ronnie Corbett, Kian Egan, Tess Daly and Kate Silverton help contestants answer all sorts of everyday questions. **10.00** BBC News: Weather. **10.20** Match of the Day: National Lottery Update. **11.45** The Football League Show. **1.05** Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

## BBC2

6.00 Film: Angel Face. (1952) **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The third and penultimate session of the second semi-final. **12.00** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.45** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.30** Richard Attenborough: Talking Pictures. **2.10** Film: Young Winston. (1972) Biopic of Winston Churchill, starring Simon Ward. **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening semi-final is set to reach a conclusion. **5.30** Natural World: Nature's Misfits. (R) **6.30** Flog It! Presenter Paul Martin is joined by experts Charlie Ross and Mark Stacey to value items in the town of Monmouth, south-east Wales, including a selection of Babak books, a tortoise-shaped box and a pocket globe. (R) **7.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the fourth and final session of the second semi-final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first player to reach 17 frames will progress to the final. Ronnie O'Sullivan and Barry Hawkins were successful at this stage last year, with the Rocket becoming the first defending champion since Ken Doherty in 1998 to reach the final. The commentary team includes Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne and Stephen Hendry. Subsequent programmes subject to change. **9.30** Generation War: Our Mothers, Our Fathers. Greta has been sent to the Soviet Union by her SS lover. Dorn to entertain the troops on the eastern front, meeting Wilhelm, Friedhelm and Charlotte two years after their last encounter. Meanwhile, Viktor is on a train being transported to a concentration camp, but manages to escape with a Polish woman and flees into the forests. Second World War drama, starring Tom Schilling, Volker Bruch and Katharina Schuettler. In German. **11.00** Film: What Just Happened? (2007) A Hollywood producer tries to keep the peace on a movie set, while also struggling with his own family's problems. Comedy drama, starring Robert De Niro and Catherine Keener. **12.35** Film: Surviving Summer. (2009) **2.00** This Is BBC Two. **5.50** Film: The Saint in New York. (1938)

## ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Cannals. (R) **7.05** Socty. (R) **7.20** Diginom Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. **8.00** Adventure Time. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News: Weather. **11.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.30** The Unforgettable Norman Wisdom. (R) **1.00** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.45** A Touch of Frost. (R) **3.45** Film: Peter Pan. (2003) **5.50** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.00** ITV News: Weather. **6.15** Let Me Entertain You. Michael Undenbundt presents clips of set performers showing off at work, visitors Sing for Their Supper at Madame Tussauds and viewers offer their own renditions of Poker Face. **6.45** New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill puts his own spin on a selection of topics chosen by viewers, featuring spawning rituals in Essex and the painful reason why One Direction no longer buy butter. **7.15** Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the fourth audition show, as Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon give their verdicts on more of the nation's best – and worst – performers. **8.30** Amazing Greys. Young contestants take on old pros, including cyclist Derek Stewart, Olympic gold medallist Mary Peters and veteran DJ David Hamilton. Paddy McGuinness and Amanda Rippon host. **9.35** Prey. A detective is wrongly accused of the murders of his wife and son and goes on the run in the name of justice. Thriller, starring John Simm. (R) **10.30** The Americans. Philip and Elizabeth face painful developments in their missions, while Stan tries to gain access to an American military programme that could give him the upper hand against Oleg. **11.30** ITV News: Weather. **11.45** Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon visits three mystery homes and challenges this week's panel – Simon Gregson, Mollie King and Dave Berry – to guess the identities of the occupants. Last in the series. (R) **12.40** Jackpot247. **3.00** Dinner Date: Australia. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.05** The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** Film: Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** How I Met Your Mother. **11.45** The Simpsons. (R) **12.15** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. **2.45** Horns. (R) **3.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.40** Channel 4 News. **7.05** For the Love of Cars. Life on Mars star Philip Glenister and renowned car designer Ant Anstead scour barns and lock-ups across the nation on a mission to restore six classic British motors. (R) **8.00** Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows a team to renovate and extend a classic 1920s cinema in Thorne, South Yorkshire. With little knowledge of restoration, Gwyn and Kate boldly set about turning the dilapidated building into a family home using masses of concrete after taking advice from an architect friend. The couple are hoping to create a hydraulic glass wall that opens up one side of the house to form a UV-filtered canopy, and there are also plans for a white roof extension that resembles a diving board. (R) **9.00** Film: Green Zone. (2010) A military officer is sent to Iraq after the downfall of Saddam Hussein, on a mission to find the weapons of mass destruction that were used to justify the invasion – only to be warned by a CIA agent that no such devices exist. As he continues his fruitless search, he discovers evidence of a political conspiracy. Paul Greengrass' thriller, starring Matt Damon. **11.10** Film: Escape from Alcatraz. (1979) A convict tries to break out of the notorious high-security island prison, a feat previously thought impossible. Fact-based drama, starring Clint Eastwood. **1.15** Tim Minchin and the Heritage Orchestra. (R) **2.45** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.50** The Hoobs. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.05** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **10.30** Beware! Cowboy Builders. (R) **11.30** World's Biggest Border Crossing. (R) **12.30** Film: Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes. (1984) Drama, starring Christopher Lambert. **3.05** Film: The Vikings. (1958) Historical adventure, starring Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis. **7.10** 5 News Weekend. **7.15** Longtime. A convicted murderer released early from jail is found wanted to be eaten by a bear in the woods. Bill has to open a murder investigation as the man is discovered to have been sedated and baited with steak. Meanwhile, Branch has to deal with his gun-toting uncle causing trouble at his retirement home. Guest starring Peter Weller. (RoboCop, 24), who also directed the episode. **8.00** NCIS. The bodies of two dishonourably discharged officers are found on board a boat, belonging to Gibbs, and inquiries cast suspicion on his mentor, retired agent Mike Franks. The case proves to have wider implications – and the team finds itself battling to prevent an international confrontation. Starring Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Cote de Pablo, Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette. (R) **9.00** NCIS. The team delves into Vance's troubled past in a desperate effort to trap a vengeful female assassin named Lee Wuan Kai. Although she is determined to strike back at him by targeting his family, it gradually transpires that there is another deeper motive for her crimes. Crime drama, guest starring Kelly Hu, with Mark Harmon, Rocky Carroll and Pauley Perrette. (R) **10.00** Film: The Bon Collector. (1999) A quadriplegic ex-cop helps a rookie officer hunt for a serial killer who takes gruesome trophies from his victims' bodies. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie. **12.15** SuperCasino. **3.10** World's Biggest Border Crossing. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.00** Film: The Life of David (2003) **1.15** Murder. She Wrote. (2.10) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.00** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen. **ITV2** **11.05** Tom Daley Goes Global **12.55** Britain's Got Talent **1.25** Britain's Got More Talent **2.30** Pixie Lott: The Hot Desk **2.40** Film: The Perfect Man (2005) **3.40** You've Been Framed! Kids Special **5.45** Film: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) **8.30** Britain's Got More Talent **9.35** You've Been Framed! **10.05** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Crazy Beaches **11.20** Britain's Got Talent **12.35** Britain's Got More Talent **1.40** Viral Tap **2.15** Dads 2.40 Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen. **ITV3** **11.05** The Darling Buds of May **1.00** Film: The Baby and the Battleship (1956) **3.10** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.15** Foyles War **7.30** Rosemary & Thyme **8.35** Doc Martin **9.35** Martin Clunes & a Lion Called Magic **10.40** Film: The Life of David (2003) **1.15** Murder. She Wrote **2.10** **3.00** ITV2 Nightscreen. **5.00** Teleshopping **5.40** **ITV4** **11.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Mumbai Indians v Kings XI Punjab and Delhi Daredevils v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** All: Still the Greatest **10.00** Film: Air America (1990) **12.15** Film: Payback (1999) **1.20** Benidorm **2.45** ITV4 **5.00** Film: Predator (2010) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Rude Tube: Rude Zoo **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.10** **2.20** Girls 3.05 Youngsters **3.55** Made in Chelsea **4.50** Ugly Betty. **5.00** Film: **4** **11.00** The Mindy Project **1.30** Rules of Engagement **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00** Film: Predators (2010) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Rude Tube: Rude Zoo **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.10** **2.20** Girls **3.05** Youngsters **3.55** Made in Chelsea **4.50** Ugly Betty. **5.00** Film: **4** **11.00** Treasure Island (1972) **1.00** The Perfect Catch (2005) **3.05** The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) **4.50** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008) **6.40** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** Hot Tub Time Machine (2010) **10.55** District 9 (2009) **1.00** Black Snake Moan (2006) **3.25** Close

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three** **7.00** Doctor Who **8.40** Top Gear **9.40** Live at the Apollo **10.25** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.35** Orlando Black **2.20** Sweet and the Stiff **2.50** Russell Howard's Good News **3.20** Impractical Jokers **3.50** Great TV Mistakes **4.00** Close **BBC Four** **7.00** Britain's Natural World **8.00** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **9.00** Film: Blackfish (2013) **10.20** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World **11.20** Nell Sedaka: King of Song **12.20** Nell Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the Music **1.05** Top of the Pops: 1979 **14.00** Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities **2.45** Britain's Natural World **3.45** Close **ITV2** **11.05** Tom Daley Goes Global **12.55** Britain's Got Talent **1.25** Britain's Got More Talent **2.30** Pixie Lott: The Hot Desk **2.40** Film: The Perfect Man (2005) **3.40** You've Been Framed! Kids Special **5.45** Film: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) **8.30** Britain's Got More Talent **9.35** You've Been Framed! **10.05** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Crazy Beaches **11.20** Britain's Got Talent **12.35** Britain's Got More Talent **1.40** Viral Tap **2.15** Dads 2.40 Teleshopping **5.40** **ITV3** **11.05** The Darling Buds of May **1.00** Film: Blackfish (2013) **3.10** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.15** Foyles War **7.30** Rosemary & Thyme **8.35** Doc Martin **9.35** Martin Clunes & a Lion Called Magic **10.40** Film: The Life of David (2003) **1.15** Murder. She Wrote **2.10** **3.00** ITV2 Nightscreen. **5.00** Teleshopping **5.40** **ITV4** **11.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Mumbai Indians v Kings XI Punjab and Delhi Daredevils v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** All: Still the Greatest **10.00** Film: Air America (1990) **12.15** Film: Payback (1999) **1.20** Benidorm **2.45** ITV4 **5.00** Film: Predator (2010) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Rude Tube: Rude Zoo **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.10** **2.20** Girls **3.05** Youngsters **3.55** Made in Chelsea **4.50** Ugly Betty. **5.00** Film: **4** **11.00** Treasure Island (1972) **1.00** The Perfect Catch (2005) **3.05** The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) **4.50** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008) **6.40** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** Hot Tub Time Machine (2010) **10.55** District 9 (2009) **1.00** Black Snake Moan (2006) **3.25** Close

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## CHOICE



Philip Glenister

## For the Love of Cars (Channel 4, 8pm)

All too often, when actors ditch fiction in favour of factual roles, it can end up feeling somewhat awkward – especially if the thesp in question has little knowledge of or enthusiasm for their chosen subject. However, Philip Glenister seems the natural choice to co-present this tempting documentary, alongside renowned car designer Ant Anstead. The six-part series follows the pair as they scour barns and lock-ups across the nation on a mission to restore six classic British motors to their former glory, beginning as Ant tracks down a Triumph Stag in a scrapyard, and sets about giving it a new lease of life.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00 The Big Questions.** 11.00 Sunday Politics. **12.15 MOTD2 Extra.** With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00 BBC News: Weather.** 1.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.15 Flog It! (R) 3.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.45 Monkey Planet. (R) 4.45 Points of View. **5.00 Songs of Praise.** 5.45 Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.35 BBC News: Regional News;** Weather.

**7.00 Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison explores hills and mountains, including one that is up for sale, and presents archive items on a similar theme, including the challenges of farming on a slope. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

**8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the experts pay a second visit to the Royal Marine Museum in Southsea, near Portsmouth, where members of the public bring along their treasured antiques and collectibles. Items include a Jolly Roger flag flown by the crew of a British submarine during the Second World War, a wine glass that's at the centre of a domestic dispute and a creepy-looking doll.

**9.00 The Crimson Field.** Grace is threatened by Major Ballard, the aggressively rude and war-scarred commander of a Sikh regiment who would rather be with his men than at rest on the wards. She eventually manages to calm him with her knowledge of India but as she tries to discover what has made him so angry, the arrival of another young soldier sets him off again. Can she get to the bottom of her patient's temper? As Joan waits for news from her fiance, Jaco calls her to an illicit meeting, sparking a series of events which draw her into danger, and Flora decides the volunteers should put on some entertainment to raise spirits – but as the pressure mounts, so do her nerves.

**10.00 BBC News: Regional News.** **10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You.** Jack Dee presents this extended edition of Friday's show, in which Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by comedian Bridget Christie.

**11.00 Knife Crime ER: Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa.** Reggie spends a week in one of Cape Town's most impoverished regions. **12.05 Weatherview.** **12.10 BBC News.**

## BBC2

**5.50 The Saint in New York.** **6.55 Film:** None But the Lonely Heart. (1944) Drama, starring Cary Grant. **8.45 Countryfile.** (R) **9.45 The Beechgrove Garden.** 10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45 Spring Kitchen** with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.30 Spring Kitchen** with Tom Kerridge. (R) **2.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship.** Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first eight frames of the match are scheduled to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

**6.00 Australia with Simon Reeve.** The adventurer begins a journey across the country, discovering how the camel is threatening the fragile desert ecosystem in the heart of Australia. (R) **7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship.** Hazel Irvine presents all the action from the second session of the final at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where a further nine frames are scheduled to take place. The second session of last year's final took on a similar pattern to the first, with Ronnie O'Sullivan winning five frames to move into a 10-7 lead heading into the final day against Barry Hawkins. The commentary team features five former world champions in Dennis Taylor, Steve Davis, John Parrott, Ken Doherty and Stephen Hendry.

**11.00 OI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz. **11.45 Film: In Our Name.** (2010) Premiere. A British soldier is haunted by his experiences in Iraq, and becomes increasingly paranoid about her daughter's safety. Drama, starring Joanne Froggett and Mel Raio. **1.15 Film: The Big Whirl.** (2005) A cash-strapped travel agent plans to get rich by passing off a corpse as his missing brother and claiming the life insurance. Black comedy, with Robin Williams and Holly Hunter. **2.50 Sign Zone: Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison celebrate icons of the Yorkshire Dales, visiting Bolton Abbey, meeting a Harrogate cycling club and searching for Wharby jet. (R) **3.50 Holby City.** Raf and Amy come under further strain when their IVF dreams suffer another setback. Jac struggles to cope with her manipulative mother and Zosia treats a man she recently dated. (R) **4.50 This Is BBC Two.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two. **12.05 Weatherview.** **12.10 BBC News.**

## ITV

**6.00 CITV: Dino Dan.** **6.10 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.25 Matt Hatter Chronicles.** (R) **6.50 Cannimals.** (R) **7.00 Cannimals.** (R) **7.05 Sooy.** (R) **7.20 Dijimon Fusion.** (R) **7.45 Horrid Henry.** (R) **8.00 Big Time Rush.** (R) **8.25 ITV News: Weather.** **8.30 Weekend.** **9.25 May the Best House Win.** (R) **10.25 Film: Columbo Cries Wolf.** (1990) **12.25 ITV News: Weather.** **12.30 Big Star's Little Star.** (R) **1.35 You've Been Framed!** (R) **2.05 Britain's Got Talent.** (R) **3.20 Let Me Entertain You.** (R) **3.50 Film: Licence to Kill.** (1989) Spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton. **6.20 Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.30 ITV News:** Weather.

**6.45 Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. **7.30 Off Their Rockers.** Seb takes a shower in an unexpected place, Rosie and Marry try out an unusual washing technique and Sonia gets in trouble with the law again. Hidden-camera comedy. **8.00 Vera.** The detective is called in when David Kenworthy, the son of a prominent local family, is found murdered on the beach at Whitley Bay. A witness spotted arcade owner Larry Crovre arguing with David on the night of the killing, and a search of the suspect's property uncovers a bloodied baseball bat. However, Larry has a cast-iron alibi and it's clear he wasn't the only person the victim met that night. A second death then leaves Vera facing mounting pressure to crack the case, and struggling to answer the question of why David was drawn to the seafront on the evening of his father's retirement.

**10.00 Perspectives – The Man in the Hat: Rene Magritte with Will Young.** A fan of Rene Magritte since the age of 15, singer and actor Will Young travels to the surrealist artist's native Belgium to explore his life, work and legacy. **11.00 ITV News:** Weather. **11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, featuring Bath v Northampton Saints, Exeter Chiefs v Harlequins and Sale Sharks v Leicester Tigers. **12.15 The Store.** **2.45 Motorsport UK.** **3.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R) **4.20 ITV Nightrun.** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.15 British GT.** **6.40 How I Met Your Mother.** **7.05 How I Met Your Mother.** **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **8.25 Frasier.** (R) **9.00 Frasier.** (R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch.** **12.35 Secret Eaters.** (R) **1.40 Channel 4 Racing.** Including the 1,000 Guineas at 3.50. **4.10 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **4.35 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **5.35 Deal or No Deal.** **6.30 Channel 4 News.** **7.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Stephen Fry.** Bear Grylls takes the actor-writer and QI host on an expedition to one of the most spectacular mountain ranges in Europe. Over the course of two days high in the Italian Dolomites, the survival expert pushes Fry to his limits with a series of challenges – travelling on the skids of a helicopter, descending a terrifying 500ft waterfall, sleeping in a First World War trench and abseiling down a towering cliff face. (R) **8.00 For the Love of Cars.** Ant Anstead tracks down a Triumph Stag in a scrapyard and sets about restoring it to its former glory, while Philip Glenister meets members of the Stag owners' club in an attempt to understand whether the vehicle's reputation for unreliability is fair. From a European road trip with comedian and motoring journalist Alex Sayle, to pitting the classic car against the Jaguar E-Type in a battle of the best-sounding engines, Philip and Ant come to a surprising conclusion about the Stag. **9.00 Fargo.** Malvo does the unexpected in the blackmail operation. Molly sets a trap. Gus debates whether he should come clean and Lester's return to work has complicated repercussions. **10.00 Film: Underworld: Awakening.** (2012) Premiere. Vampire Selene awakes from cryonic suspension to battle mutant werewolves and a human plot to annihilate the undead. Action fantasy, with Kate Beckinsale and Anna Ewers. **11.45 Film: Babel.** (2006) An American couple's holiday in Morocco sparks an international crisis when one of them is accidentally shot. Drama, starring Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett and Gael Garcia Bernal. **2.15 Southland.** **3.05 The Hotel.** (R) **4.00 SuperScrappers' Challenge.** (R) **4.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.** (R) **5.15 Deal or No Deal.** (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. **6.05 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots.** (R) **6.25 Bubble Guppies.** (R) **6.40 The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.50 Chloe's Closet.** (R) **7.10 Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **7.25 Make Way for Noddy.** (R) **7.35 Milkshake!** Monkey. (R) **7.40 City of Friends.** (R) **7.50 Milkshake!** Bop Box. (R) **7.55 Little Princess.** (R) **8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.20 Milkshake!** Bop Box. (R) **8.25 Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **8.45 Rupert Bear.** (R) **9.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.15 Jelly Jamm.** (R) **9.30 Lazy Town.** (R) **10.00 Power Rangers Super Samurai.** (R) **10.35 Power Rangers Megaforce.** (R) **11.10 Access.** (R) **11.15 The Dog Rescuers.** (R) **11.45 Secret History of UFOs.** (R) **12.00 Aliens: Are We Alone?** (R) **1.45 Film: Thunderbirds.** (2004) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bill Paxton. **3.25 Film: Open Season.** (2006) Animated comedy, with the voice of Martin Lawrence. **5.00 Film: Mulan.** (1998) Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Ming-Na and Eddie Murphy. **6.40 5 News Weekend.** **6.45 Film: Stargate.** (1994) An Egyptologist and a soldier head an expedition through a mysterious portal to an alien planet. The world they find resembles ancient Egypt and is under the rule of a tyrant who has convinced the downtrodden inhabitants that he is a god – until the humans incite the enslaved populace to fight back. Sci-fi adventure, starring Kurt Russell, James Spader and Jane Davidson. **9.00 Film: War of the Worlds.** (2005) A divorced father tries to protect his two children as alien war machines start to wipe out the human race. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning. **11.10 Film: Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story.** (2004) The struggling owner of a run-down gym tries to save his business by forming a team for the US dodgeball championships. Sporting comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn. **1.00 SuperCasino.** **3.10 Booze, Bust-Ups & Brothers: Soho Blues.** (R) **4.00 Wildlife SOS.** (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **4.50 The Funky Viny Show.** (R) **5.00 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.05 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **5.20 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.25 The Funky Viny Show.** (R) **5.40 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

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**BBC Three** **7.00 Top Gear.** 7.50 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **10.00 In the Flesh.** 11.00 Family Guy. **11.45 Ja'mie: Private School Girl.** 12.45 In the Flesh. **1.40 Sweet the Small Staff.** 1.20 *Impractical Jokers* 2.40 *Bamboo* 3.00 in the Flesh 4.00 **Close** **BBC Four** **7.00 The Rabbits of Skomer.** 7.10 Film: In Which We Serve (1942) **9.00 Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World.** 10.30 *The Wonder of Bees* with Martha Kearney 11.00 *Frank Sinatra: The Voice of the Century – Arena Special.* 12.35 *Sings the Great American Songbook* 1.35 *Island: Mysteries of a Lost World.* 3.55 **Close** **ITV2** **12.00 You've Been Framed!** 12.35 Film: Beethoven (1991) **2.00 Funny Ever You've Been Framed!** 3.20 *You've Been Framed!* 4.20 **Britain's Got Talent.** 5.45 **Britain's Got More Talent.** 6.45 **You've Been Framed!** 7.15 Film: **Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones** (2002) **10.00 Viral Tap.** 10.50 Film: **White Chicks** (2004) **1.05 Viral Tap.** 1.20 *Mon 2.10 The Vampire Diaries.* 2.55 *Teleshopping.* 5.55 **ITV2 Nightrun** **ITV3** **11.20 The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes.** 12.25 **Agatha Christie's Marple.** 2.35 **Rosemary & Thyme.** 3.40 **Goody McChris.** 5.40 **Inspector Morse.** 4.00 **The Zoo.** 9.00 **Birds of a Feather.** 9.30 **Vicious.** 10.00 **Film: Intolerable Cruelty.** 12.30 **Cracker.** 1.15 **Agatha Christie's Marple.** 2.50 **Judge Judy.** 3.40 **Emmerdale.** **ITV4** **11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship.** Round three from Thruxton. **6.30 BRDC Formula 4 Championship.** Highlights. **7.30 Star Wars 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union.** 9.00 **Indian Premier League Cricket.** 10.00 Film: **Senna** (2010) **12.15 River Monsters.** 1.20 **Woman Under the Moon.** 1.50 **Bend it 2.20 Highway Patrol.** 2.50 **ITV4 Nightrun.** 3.00 **Teleshopping.** 3.30 **The Store.** 5.00 **Teleshopping.** **E4** **12.35 Made in Chelsea.** 1.35 **Revenge.** 2.35 **The Big Bang Theory.** 3.30 **How I Met Your Mother.** 5.00 **The Tomorrow People.** 6.00 **Brooklyn Nine-Nine.** 6.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** 8.00 **Film: Bride Wars** (2009) **10.00 The Inbetweeners.** 11.05 **Rude Tube.** **Rude Zoo.** 12.10 **How I Met Your Mother.** 1.05 **Rules of Engagement.** 2.00 **Brooke Shields.** 2.25 **The Ricky Gervais Show.** 3.20 **Hollyoaks.** **Film** **11.00 Titanic.** (1993) **1.00 10 Things I Hate About You.** (1999) **2.55 Big Fish.** (2003) **5.20 From Up on Poppy Hill.** (2011) **7.10 Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer.** (2007) **9.00 Star Trek.** (2009) **11.25 House of Flying Daggers.** (2004) **1.45 Far North.** (2007) **3.40 Close**

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## Film Choices

### MONDAY

**National Treasure, BBC1, 3.45pm**  
An intrepid treasure-hunter follows a series of ingenious clues in a perilous quest to track down a war chest hidden by America's founding fathers generations before. He has to contend with determined rivals in the shape of a treacherous associate and the FBI. Action adventure, starring Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Sean Bean and Justin Bartha. (2004)

### TUESDAY

**Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, ITV, 7.30pm**  
The adolescent wizard is unexpectedly chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a prestigious magical tournament, despite being legally too young to enter. He joins champions of three magical academies to face deadly monsters in a series of challenges. Meanwhile, the followers of the dreaded Lord Voldemort plot to restore their master to the land of the living. Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Robbie Coltrane, Ralph Fiennes, Michael Gambon, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Brendan Gleeson and Robert Pattinson. (2005)



National Treasure, Monday, BBC1, 3.45pm

### WEDNESDAY

**The Boat That Rocked, ITV, 10.35pm**  
A host of eclectic DJs entertain 1960s Britain through a pirate radio station, broadcasting from a vessel in the North Sea. However, a high-ranking government official is determined to bring an end to the rogue outfit and the individuals responsible for its continued existence. Richard Curtis's comedy, starring Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Kenneth Branagh and Nick Frost. (2009)

### THURSDAY

**Her Husband's Betrayal, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
A woman is suspicious of her husband's strange behaviour and starts spying on him. She thinks she has caught him having an affair, only to find the truth is far worse – he has committed a murder and framed her for it, and threatens to kill her son if she does not confess to the crime. Thriller, starring Jacqueline MacInnes Wood and Shawn Roberts. (2013)

### FRIDAY

**GoldenEye, ITV, 10.35pm**  
James Bond heads for Russia to investigate the connection between the theft of an experimental helicopter and an orbital satellite weapon with the power to devastate entire cities. He discovers both have fallen into the hands of a mysterious criminal mastermind with a grudge against Britain and a connection with 007's past. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean, Izabella Scorupco and Famke Janssen. (1995)

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## Pick of the Week

### James lives the dream as duo hit the road

There's a theory that at some point in recent years James Corden and Gary Barlow signed a deal which ensured they would dominate British TV screens for a chunk of the Noughties, and beyond.

Given the former's work on *Gavin & Stacey*, not to mention his success on stage, there's perhaps little wonder. As for Gary, well he's more ubiquitous than Deirdre Barlow these days, with assorted excellent shows, whether raising money for Comic Relief, visiting the troops in Afghanistan or welcoming in the New Year in a dazzling BBC1 extravaganza.

We didn't really need another show paying tribute to the multi-award winning singer/songwriter, although with an online campaign attempting to get one of his old singles to number one, there is an added degree of topicality. So settle back 'GBArmy' and Cordenites and enjoy their version of The Trip.

No impressions of Ronnie Corbett alas, but we do follow Gary's long

career, from how it began: the Take That phenomenon; the wilderness years, and the darker times which inspired his lyrics.

After a lengthy intro, in which James loads up Gary's Range Rover with random items of baggage, they talk about stag dos and the fact that Barlow has chosen now to make a documentary like this to 'close the door on a pretty rubbish time'. Of course given the fact he's just performed at a sold out arena tour around the UK, it's easy to forget that a decade ago there seemed like little chance of that being possible.

In 2004, Take That were history, Barlow's debut album wasn't the success many had hoped for, and it looked like his days under the spotlight had come and gone.

However, in recent years he's staged a Lazarus-like comeback, scoring a string of chart smashers as the reformed Take That reminded the interest of their fans, and won over a new generation of followers. Their hugely successful gigs, either as a four piece or with original group

member Robbie Williams, wowed the masses, while Barlow's aforementioned solo shows left his thousands of fans heartbeats with delight.

In this show, he and James visit key places in Gary's career, including the Working Men's Club where Barlow learned his craft with 600 or so performances. 'I've always felt older, and I've always felt, whether I was in the band or whatever situation I was in, I was the responsible one,' Gary tells James. First stop is the studio where Barlow and his band rehearse for the gigs while a starstruck Corden looks on.

Then there's a trip down memory lane as we are treated to clips and photos from Gary's formative years; his impressive rendition of *The Way You Make Me Feel*, complete with stage kick is priceless. Later, they visit the nightclub where Take That first auditioned, and there are laughs as Gary surprises one of his own fans on their wedding day. Among the contributors are Elton John, Robbie, Gary's mother and members of the Press and music industry.



When Corden Met Barlow, Monday, BBC1, 9pm

## Best of the Rest

### MONDAY

#### Draw It!

#### Channel 4, 4.30pm

Remember the 1990s series *Win, Lose or Draw*, in which two teams comprising of celebrities and ordinary mortals competed in a game that involved one person drawing an object or phrase, and the others guessing what they're attempting to depict? Well, it's back – sort of. *Draw It!* is certainly along very similar lines, a kind of TV version of *Dictionary* in which two teams – one headed by Nadia Sawalha, the other by Anton du Beke and both featuring a member of the public – tackle timed drawing challenges. After three rounds, the team with the least points leaves, and the one remaining takes part in a final game that could see them win a bundle, or walk away with nothing. Mel Giedroyc hosts.

#### The Island with Bear Grylls

#### Channel 4, 9pm

We may moan about how stressful and demanding it is, but is modern life actually dulling our survival instincts? This new series find out if British men still now how to rough it, as adventure Bear Grylls takes a group of 13 rookies and essentially abandons them on a remote, uninhabited Pacific island with just the clothes on their backs and a few basic tools. Will they resort to rise to challenge, or will they resort to Lord of the Flies-style savagery, interspersed with bouts of sobbing? Just making it through the first episode is going to be tough, as Bear drops the group at their new home, where they are forced to battle through dense overgrowth in search of shelter.

### TUESDAY

#### Miller's Mountain

#### BBC1, 10.40pm

The Beeb has dusted down the Comedy Playhouse format in the hope of finding a gem of an idea worth turning a full series. Last week we were treated to the promising *Over to Bill*, while this time it's *Miller's Mountain*, which focuses on the antics of Jimmy Miller and his fellow Mountain Rescue volunteers. Veteran Jimmy takes new volunteer Conor under his wing, introducing him to dog-obsessed Bill, chirpy head of operations Bernie and Jules, the local pub barmaid. All seems to go well until somebody actually needs to be rescued from the nearby mountain... Jimmy Chisholm, Kevin Guthrie and Sharon Rooney head the cast. Will we see it in the future as a series? Only time will tell...

#### Wednesday

#### The Supervet

#### Channel 4, 4.8pm

You can tell Noel Fitzpatrick is no ordinary animal doctor – for a start, he has two very cool nicknames. According to the title of this new series, he's the Supervet but he's also known as the Bionic Vet – and that's because he runs one of the most advanced practices in Britain. Neil and his team of over a hundred surgeons, nurses, ward attendants and physiotherapists use some of the most cutting-edge treatments available to cure pets from

across the country that might otherwise be considered beyond saving. In this first episode, David, Gill and their son Freddie are pinning their hopes on Noel as their Labrador Scooby battles a life-threatening tumour in his leg.

#### Billy Connolly's Big Send Off

#### ITV, 9pm

Death doesn't have to be morbid – just ask Billy Connolly. The stand-up comedian has always been fascinated with how people deal with their own mortality, and in this documentary he's looking at the many different beliefs and rituals that surround it. He explains: 'I'm going to strip away the taboos to reveal that far from the doom and gloom you may expect, the world of death is full of wonderful people doing some extraordinary things.' It's a journey that begins at the National Funeral Directors Association convention in Texas, where death is big business, and the items up for sale include an eco death-suit threaded with mushroom spores, which helps to turn corpses into compost.

#### THURSDAY

#### Posh Pawn

#### Channel 4, 8pm

Some TV shows naturally lend



Billy Connolly's Big Send Off, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

themselves to workplace discussion the next day. Not so much *Posh Pawn*, for fear of being overheard and misunderstood. Dodgy homophones aside, though, this series following high-end pawnbroker James Constantinou is proving endlessly entertaining. This week, a former model named Cathy wants to start her own lingerie business, and so brings in her collection of designer bags and jewellery in the hope of securing a £50,000 loan. Meanwhile, James attracts the wrong kind of attention when he takes a client's Ferrari for a spin, and an inventor decides it's time he parted with his precious watch.

### FRIDAY

#### The Minster

#### BBC2, 8pm

New documentary series filmed over the course of a year that goes behind the scenes at York Minster, beginning during the busy run-up to Easter as head verger Alex Carberry has to overcome a fear of heights to drape a cloth over a giant crucifix. The cathedral's own police force responds to an emergency call and stonemasons prepare to carve a new version of the mysterious weathered figure at the pinnacle of the east window.

#### The Trip to Italy

#### BBC2, 10pm

Steve's son Joe and his assistant Emma join him and Rob on the final leg of their culinary tour of Italy as they take the ferry from Naples to Capri, where they have lunch at Il Riccio. Afterwards, Rob asks Emma for advice about whether he should go back to Lucy.

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- One bed ground floor apartment
- Fully fitted kitchen with appliances
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- Bathroom with shower cubicle
- Double glazing

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**Coseley Horace Street**  

- One bed flat
- Additional study/ store room
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- GCH
- Energy Rating - D

**£425pcm**



**Coseley Yew Tree Lane**  

- Two bed apartment
- Kitchen with gas hob
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- GCH and DG
- Communal rear garden
- Storage shed

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- Traditional Detached House
- 4 Bedrooms, 3 Receptions
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC - D, Deposit £1,000

**£650 PCM + Fees**



**NEW**  
**Dudley 68 Eve Lane**  

- 3 Bed Semi Detached House
- Through Lounge / Dining Room
- Rear Garden, Single Garage
- EPC - E, Deposit £700

**£625 PCM + Fees**



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- Modern First Floor Apartment
- 2 Bedrooms with Master En-suite
- Allocated Parking Space
- EPC - C, Deposit £800

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**NEW**  
**Tipton 132 Dudley Port**  

- Modern Town House
- Rear Garden, Parking Space
- 3 Bedrooms, Master En-Suite
- EPC - C, Deposit £700

**£595 PCM + Fees**



**NEW**  
**Stourbridge 23 Cecil Street**  

- Traditional 2 Bed Terrace House
- Kitchen With Modern Units
- Ground Floor Re-fitted Bathroom
- EPC - E, Deposit £650

**£580 PCM + Fees**



**NEW**  
**Kingswinford 24 Southern Close**  

- Modern End 2 Bed Town House
- Front Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Allocated Parking Space
- EPC - D, Deposit £650

**£575 PCM + Fees**



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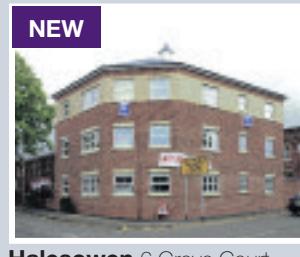
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**NEW**  
**Halesowen 6 Grove Court**  

- First Floor 2 Bed Apartment
- Lounge, Kitchen Recess
- One Allocated Parking Space
- EPC - C, Deposit £650

**£470 PCM + Fees**

**NEW**



**SEDGLEY RICHMOND ROAD**

- Traditional Semi-Detached Family Property
- Three Bedrooms • Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen • Stylish Bathroom
- Central Heating & Double Glazing

• Private Rear Garden • Off Road Parking

• Viewing HIGHLY Recommended

• Energy Rating TBC

**£155,000**

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**GORNAL WOOD PROSPECT ROAD**

- Detached Property
- Three Double Bedrooms
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- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom plus Ensuite
- Sun Room, Sauna
- Delightful Rear Garden with

Fantastic Views

• Garage plus Off Road Parking

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**REDUCED**



**SEDGLEY SETTON DRIVE**

- Detached, Four Bed Family Home
- Stylish Living Room
- Sitting Room/Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Stylish Dining Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Modern Bathroom

• Private Rear Garden

• Off Road Parking

• Central Heating

• Double Glazing

• NO UPWARD CHAIN

• Viewing HIGHLY Recommended

• Energy Rating D

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**NEW**



**NETHERTON YEW TREE HILLS**

- Three Bedroom End Terrace House
- Spacious Lounge, Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen • Garage to Rear
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Energy Rating: D
- Viewing HIGHLY Recommended

**£119,950**

**NEW**



**UPPER GORNAL JOCKEYFIELDS**

- Spacious First Floor Flat
- One Bedroom • Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen • Modern Bathroom
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Energy Rating: C
- Ideal First Time Buy
- Viewing HIGHLY Recommended

**£68,950**

**NEW**



**UPPER GORNAL NAYLORS GROVE**

- Spacious Semi-Detached House
- Two Bedrooms • Lounge, Play Room
- 16ft Lounge • Breakfast Kitchen
- Storage Area • Double Glazing
- Private Rear Garden
- Conveniently Situated
- Energy Rating: TBC

**£94,995**

**NEW**



**SEDGLEY TOWNSEND AVENUE**

- Extremely Well Presented Ground Floor Flat
- One Bedroom, Lounge
- Recently Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Stylish Bathroom
- Double Glazing, Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- Ideal First Time Buy or Investment
- Conveniently Close to Sedgley Centre
- Energy Rating: TBC

**£69,950**

**REDUCED**



**GORNAL WOOD MUSK LANE**

- Detached family home
- Sought after location
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Large Rear Garden
- 17ft Garage • Ample off road parking
- Central heating & Double glazing
- Upward Chain • MUST BE SEEN
- Energy Rating: E

**REDUCED TO £185,000**



**GORNAL GROSVENOR ROAD**

- Detached Four Bedroom Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge
- Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- First Floor Bathroom
- Modern Bathrooms with Ensuite
- Enclosed & Private Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking • Garage
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Energy Rating: E

**£165,950**



**DUDLEY ELMFIELD VIEW**

- Detached four bedroom property
- Large Dining Lounge
- Spacious Dining Kitchen
- First Floor Bathroom
- Modern Bathrooms with Ensuite
- Enclosed & Private Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking • Garage
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Energy Rating: D

**£245,000**

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- Three Bedrooms
- Extended Dining Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Useful Laundry Room
- Modern En-Suite Shower Room
- Private and Enclosed Rear Garden
- Central heating and Double Glazing
- Garage • Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating: C

**£134,950**



**OFF NORTHWAY PADARN CLOSE**

- Well maintained and recently improved family home
- Mid-Town house with three bedrooms
- Lounge plus conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two separate bath and shower cubicles
- Central heating, double glazing
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating: C

**£125,000**



**WOODSETTON ROPER WAY**

- Town-House property
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge, dining kitchen
- Wet room • Central heating
- Double glazing (where specified)
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two separate bath and shower cubicles
- Central heating, double glazing
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating: C

**£114,950**



**WOODSETTON SEDGEWICK ROAD**

- An Extremely Well Presented Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious, Spacious Dining Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- Double Glazing, Double Glazing
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- Garage plus Off Road Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Energy Rating: E

**£142,500**



**SEDGLEY ARCAL STREET**

- Detached Property
- Three Years Old (approx.)
- Three Bedrooms • Lounge
- Fully Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms plus Shower Room
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating: D

**£174,950**



**SEDGLEY BROWNSWALL ROAD**

- Semi-Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Extensive accommodation
- Four bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Two Bathrooms plus Shower Room
- 22ft Master bedrooms
- 23ft Garage • No upward chain
- Extremely popular location
- Energy Rating: D

**Reduced to £159,950**



**DUDLEY LAUREL ROAD**

- Semi-Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Conservatory
- Modern Bathrooms
- Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking

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**WOODSETTON DAFFODIL CLOSE**

- Shared ownership property
- Modern style semi-detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Spacious living room
- Dining room
- Central heating
- Double Glazing
- Quietly positioned
- Central Heating
- Double glazing (where specified)
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### Beaumont Drive, Amblecote, DY5 - £175,000

Positioned in a cul-de-sac and being in a perfect location for Peters Hill Primary School, this well presented, extended semi-detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN! In brief, accommodation comprises: A through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, ground floor WC, four good sized bedrooms and lovely bathroom with uPVC double glazing and gas central heating. In addition there is a driveway, integral garage and rear garden.



### George Street, Wordsley, DY8 - £130,000

In a perfect location for schools and amenities, this well presented, traditional terraced home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. In brief, there is a lounge, dining area, kitchen, bathroom, two double bedrooms, additional loft room and rear garden as well as central heating and double glazing.



### Brierley Hill Road, Wordsley, DY8 - £155,000

This very unique, traditional, semi-detached home boasts a wealth of space and has flexible accommodation. It has NO UPWARD CHAIN and in brief, comprises an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, shower room, ground floor bedroom, three further bedrooms, loft room, bathroom, driveway, courtyard, garage and outbuildings and a lovely rear garden. There is also gas central heating and double glazing.



### Hodnet Drive, Pensnett, DY5 - £100,000

Perfect for first time buyers and investors and situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac within close proximity of Russell's Hall Hospital, this very well presented, modern terraced house is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. In brief, there is a lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, two double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and front driveway as well as brand new uPVC double glazing and gas central heating.



### Broadlands Drive, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £132,500

Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac near to Russell's Hall hospital, this family home needs to be seen. In brief, accommodation comprises: An entrance hall, through lounge with dining area, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC, three bedrooms and bathroom with uPVC double glazing and gas central heating. Outside, there is a rear garden, small front garden with block paved driveway and garage.



### Church Street, Pensnett, DY5 - £95,000

Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, this well presented, extended semi-detached house is well located for access to amenities including Russell's Hall hospital and the Merry Hill centre. Accommodation in brief includes an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and modern bathroom with a driveway and rear garden.



### Cole Street, Netherton, DY2 - £130,000

This lovely, modern semi-detached home is situated close to Dudley, Brierley Hill and the Merry Hill Centre and would be a great first home or investment. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation comprises an entrance hall, guest WC, lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating and uPVC double glazing with a rear garden and parking facilities to the side and rear of the building.



### Bisell Way, Brierley Hill, DY5 - £18,000

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- Two reception rooms & Sun room
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £275,000



- Summerhill Road
- A DETACHED bungalow
- Enhanced and upgraded throughout
- Breakfast Kitchen \* Large Conservatory
- Lounge & Dining Room
- One bedrooms (can be converted back into a two bedroom)
- Delightful & Landscaped gardens
- Secure parking through electronic gates
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £219,950



- Seagull Bay Drive
- A SPACIOUS 3 bedroom detached
- Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location
- Lounge, dining room, conservatory
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- THREE bedrooms \* en-suite
- Central heating & double glazing
- Block paved driveway
- landscaped low maintenance
- EPC rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £199,950



- Bradleys Lane
- An excellent size detached family home
- Full character and charm
- Modern kitchen \* Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Good size rear garden
- Upvc double glazed windows
- Garage
- EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £209,950



- Woodsetton
- VICARAGE Road West
- A FOUR bedroom detached home
- Extended to the rear
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen and breakfast room
- Four bedrooms and bathroom
- Fabulous low maintenance garden
- Large Drive for parking
- EPC Rating - F

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £185,000



- Siddons Road
- A SPACIOUS detached Bungalow
- Extended dining kitchen
- Open plan style lounge
- Two DOUBLE bedrooms
- Upgraded and modernised throughout
- Well maintained rear garden
- Upvc double glazed
- Two brick built buildings
- Viewing is recommended
- EPC Rating - tbc

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £179,950



- Upper Ettingshall Road
- An attractive DORMER bungalow
- Good size Dining Kitchen
- Utility room and Sun Lounge
- Lounge and separate Dining Room
- THREE bedrooms & bathroom
- Garage and drive
- Upvc double glazed windows
- EPC - tbc

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £154,500



- Crown Close
- A beautifully presented end property
- Situated in walking distance to Sedgley
- Garage & off road parking
- An excellent size lounge
- Recently fitted modern kitchen
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Rear garden
- EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £142,500



- Woodsetton
- Rosalind Avenue
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- On the popular Bramford Estate
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern breakfast Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Garage and drive
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PRICE £139,950



- Dudley
- Wealdstone Drive
- A beautifully presented mid terrace
- Lounge & dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Modern bathroom
- Off road parking for two vehicles
- Private rear garden
- An ideal first time buy
- EPC Rating - C

PRICE £115,000



- Tipton
- Thunderbolt Way
- A modern and stylish top floor apartment
- Open plan lounge with dining area.
- Kitchen with integrated appliances
- Useful pantry/store
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- Bathroom with white suite
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## NEW



## COSELEY

A comparatively SPACIOUS freehold gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed family detached excellently situated at head of short cul de sac upon Redrow Homes now well established development convenient for bus/rail transport routes and other amenities. Excellent accommodation includes reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room (with patio doors to garden) spacious breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units laundry/utility room. Four generous bedrooms (principle bedroom with wardrobes and shower room en suite and bedroom two with fitted wardrobes) garage level gardens. EPC Rating: C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the Region of £209,950

## The Crucible



## Gough Road



## COSELEY

A distinctive highly individual three/four bedroom, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed detached family home of character occupying a prominent corner plot with substantial CONTRACTORS GARAGE and secured parking. Many fine period features remain and the tremendously enhanced accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall, store, lounge, through dining room, breakfast kitchen with further utility section and separate toilet. Principle bedroom with intercommunicating bedroom three and two further bedrooms, bathroom, delightful excellently tended gardens, established caravan parking area, garage (21'4 x 16'4"). EPC Rating T.B.C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £195,000

## GORNAL WOOD



An attractive, tremendously enhanced, improved & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached family home with ample parking. Occupying a fine corner plot on periphery of village with tremendous views, the accommodation includes reception hall, reappointed cloakroom, transverse lounge with bay, separate dining room with patio doors, store, recently refitted kitchen with range of maple effect finish units and various integrated appliances. FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with contemporary white suite, garage, delightful gardenS. EPC Rating T.B.C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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## Summit Place



## DUDLEY



## Gervase Drive



## WOLVERHAMPTON



## Farrington Road, Ettingshall Park

Enviable situated with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS; a gas centrally heated, primarily uPVC double glazed detached family home with potential occupying an imposing plot, and comprising: entrance porch, spacious reception hall, fitted cloakroom, dining room with bay, lounge, kitchen, verandah/utility room. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, delightful garden abutting on to "the Beacon", Freehold - NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950

## BRIERLEY HILL



## Brierley Hill Road

Occupying a STUNNING CANALSIDE LOCATION, this well presented & double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom detached bungalow has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of finish and presentation. The accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom with a white suite, garage, wide block paved frontage, and a delightful rear garden. EPC Rating: D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£179,950

## SEDGLEY, Northway



## St Brides Close

Envably situated at head of short/quiet cul de sac with good distant views and EXTENDED gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed detached with further potential. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, dining with room with bay, pantry extended 18'4" lounge, extended 14'3" x 11'4" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, outer lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three generous bedrooms (possibly including third bedroom into eaves), a modernised/reduced shower room (former bathroom) garage, block paved driveway, delightful garden. EPC Rating: C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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## SEDGLEY



## Dormston Drive

Most conveniently situated in a "backwater" within walking distance of the Bull Ring; a Freehold, gas radiator centrally heated, and uPVC double glazed detached comprising: entrance hallway, cloaks, 24'5" through living/dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms (all with fitted wardrobes), bathroom. Extensive block paving, secluded "low maintenance" rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £162,950

## DUDLEY



## The Broadway

A highly individual FREEHOLD gas centrally heated, combi boiler, and double glazed (as seen) detached popular convenient district. The redecorated and refreshed accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, 22'4" through living/dining room, upgraded kitchen. Three GENEROUS BEDROOMS, reappointed/re tiled bathroom with white suite, reappointed separate toilet, garage, garden EPC Rating: T.B.C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950

## UPPER GORNAL



## Goodrich Mews

Constructed by Taylor Wimpey circa 2009 and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee an excellent location, and a large, recently enhanced gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed intermediate home upon a well established highly regarded development. Delightful and spacious accommodation includes a fitted cloakroom, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of upgraded units with various integrated appliances living/dining room THREE BEDROOMS (principle bedroom with en suite) bathroom parking for two vehicles, and a sheltered, secured level rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £128,750

## PENSNETT



## Comber Drive

This BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, THREE BEDROOM, END OF TOWNHOUSE offers a layout with many appealing features, and with GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING comprises: Hall, Attractive L Shaped Sitting Room with Dining Area, WELL FITTED CREAM BREAKFAST KITCHEN, Three Bedrooms and Delightful Bathroom. Fore Garden, Lovely Enclosed Rear Garden and rear access to GARAGE. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£124,950

## LANESFIELD



## Brynmawr Road

This traditional style, bay fronted, uPVC Double Glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom detached home is situated in an established residential location, and is available with no upward chain. The well presented accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite and a lengthy, lawned rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

## SEDGLEY, off Mill Bank



## Whitesmith Close

Conveniently situated within walking distance of the Bull Ring, and associated with a comparatively spacious and radiator centrally heated & double glazed First Floor apartment forming part of a small development managed by the Accord Housing Association for owners aged 55 or over. The accommodation includes: entrance hall, L shaped lounge/dining room (with patio doors out to a balcony), kitchen, inner hallway, two double bedrooms (one with wardrobes), two storage cupboards, and a reappointed shower room (former bathroom). Allocated parking to the fore and communal grounds. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000

## Wordsley



## Church Road

Well placed within this popular and established location, convenient for local shopping and the M6 Motorway. Green this TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME is enhanced by a LARGE REAR GARDEN and offers WELL PLANNED accommodation including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: reception lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, ground floor W.C. THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, "classic white" bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. EPC RATING: C. COTSWOLD CUPBOARD access to the fore and a large rear garden with patio and lawns. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£114,950

## Wordsley



## Marshall Crescent

Enjoying its OWN PRIVATE GATED ENTRANCE and forming part of the popular development at Crystal Mead, a stylish development constructed by Shropshire Homes in 2010, this HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL PERIOD DUPLEX APARTMENT offers SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation which is "READY TO MOVE INTO" and comprising: reception hall, large open plan living/dining room, separate kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom, and a large rear garden with patio and lawns. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£107,950

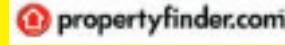




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**Dudley  
Hackett Drive**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

£139,950

A beautifully presented modern three bedroom semi detached house. Offering generous accommodation and briefly comprising reception hallway, guest WC, fitted kitchen, lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor and a master bedroom with en suite shower room on the second floor. Driveway to front; low maintenance paved and gravelled garden to the rear and further parking space.

**Brierley Hill  
Terrace Street**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

£139,995

● **REALISTICALLY PRICED** ● A beautifully presented and well maintained three bedroom detached house. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, modern fitted bathroom, rear garden and driveway to the front.

**Dudley  
Dibdale Street**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

£80,000

**SPACE, SPACE & MORE SPACE!** This property has a lot to offer. Having two good size bedrooms and a generous sized lounge viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer! Briefly comprising entrance hall, dining room, kitchen, lounge, downstairs bathroom and a rear garden. No upward chain.

**DUDLEY  
Parkhead Crescent**

**£125,000 oieo**

FOUR BEDROOMS! This property really does have the wow factor! Extended and improved to a very high standard and offering everything you could wish for in a family home. Briefly comprising lounge, office room, dining area, family room, kitchen, utility area, downstairs wc, family bathroom and a generous size garden.

**Rowley Regis  
Springfield Lane**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

£87,000

Sold with a tenant in situ, this vendor is looking a **QUICK SALE!** Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/dining room, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom and off road parking to the rear of the property.

**SWINDON  
Swin Forge Way**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

**Dudley  
Blackacre Road**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

£109,950

**CALLING ALL INVESTORS - PRICED TO SELL QUICKLY.** CALL NOW TO SECURE YOUR VIEWING Four bedrooms and two receptions this property really is bigger than it looks! Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, second reception room, kitchen/dining room, family bathroom to the first floor, garage, rear garden and off road parking.

**DUDLEY  
Scotts Green Close**

£125,000

Set in this highly desirable location this three bedroom semi detached house offers porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, garage, driveway and garage to the front and rear. The property is within walking distance to Russells Hall Hospital and has easy access to local schools and excellent transport links

**DUDLEY  
Pearce Close**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

£325,000

Delightfully located this three bedroom modern style detached occupying a unique canal-side setting at the end of a private drive in a sought after village position and near glorious Staffordshire countryside. Briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, large fitted kitchen with dining area, conservatory, downstairs wc, ensuite and dressing room to master bedroom, family bathroom. Outside there is a landscaped garden with gated access to the canal, extensive driveway and a detached garage.

A beautifully presented two bedroom semi detached house. Having newly fitted kitchen and shower room and benefiting from a low maintenance rear garden. Briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, L-shaped lounge/dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, shower room, rear garden and driveway to the front of the property.

£114,950

**Dudley  
Attingham Drive**

**NEW  
PRICE**

£86,950

A modern one bedroom freehold house with hallway, open plan lounge and kitchen with french door to balcony, mezzanine floor, shower room and allocated parking space. EPC = C

**NETHERTON  
Cradley Road**

**NEW  
PRICE**

£120,000

Extended two bedroom semi detached tardis! This property really is bigger than it looks. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising lounge, second reception room, extended kitchen/breakfast room, shower room. Beautiful rear garden and a driveway to the front. EPC Ordered

**TIVERTON  
Whitehouse Street**

**NEW  
PRICE**

£125,950

Beautifully presented and particularly spacious benefiting from a tandem garage and a generous size garden this three bedroom semi detached house really is a must view. Also comprising lounge, kitchen/dining room, modern fitted shower room and a driveway to the front of the property.

**DUDLEY  
Hall Street**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

**TIVIDALE  
Alexandra Way**

**TO  
LET**

A brand new one bed apartment. Open plan fitted kitchen/dining/living area, double bedroom, separate shower/WC room. Off road parking, water bills included, free sat TV, laundry facility. Off road parking. No DSS, no pets. EPC-C £330 + fees

**Dudley  
Harley Grange, Dixons Green**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

£425 PCM + Fees

A beautifully presented, one bedroom ground floor apartment with double glazing and central heating. Newly decorated throughout, new kitchen and bathroom. Plenty of storage. Lounge, double bedroom, kitchen, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. No DSS, no smokers, no pets. Off road parking, available now for long term let. EPC-D £425 PCM + Fees

**DUDLEY  
Lloyd Street**

**TO  
LET**

**DUDLEY  
Buffery Road**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

Two bedroom end terrace. One reception room. Good sized kitchen. Bedrooms and bathroom on 1st floor. Central heating. DSS ok with guarantor. Unfurnished. EPC E £425 PCM + Fees

**DUDLEY  
Aldeney Close**

**TO  
LET**

£465 PCM + Fees

A modern first floor apartment on this new development. Accommodation comprising of one bedroom, open plan lounge/fitted kitchen. Viewing highly recommended, available to view now. EPC B £465 PCM + Fees

**Bilton  
Lewis Street**

**NEW  
INSTRUCTION**

£475 PCM + Fees

Two bedroom end terrace. Large lounge with central staircase. Fitted kitchen includes cooker. Downstairs bathroom with shower. Two double bedrooms. Enclosed low maintenance rear garden. Unfurnished. Central heating & double glazing. No DSS. Pets considered. Available now. EPC-E £475 PCM + Fees

**TIPTON  
Ferguson Drive**

**TO  
LET**

£495PCM + Fees

A modern, two bed apartment with double glazing and central heating, open plan living with fitted kitchen and dining area, lounge area and a house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished. EPC D £495PCM + Fees

**ROWLEY REGIS  
Duhill Road**

**TO  
LET**

£550 PCM + Fees

A three bed mid terraced house with double glazing and central heating, good sized lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms upstairs with house bathroom/WC and shower over the bath. Unfurnished, yard/parking to the rear. Available now. DSS considered. EPC E £550 PCM + Fees

**DUDLEY  
Westminster Close**

**TO  
LET**

**DUDLEY  
The Parade**

**TO  
LET**

A three bed semi-detached house with off road parking and a garage. Two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms and a further single bedroom. Garage with driveway, and garden to the rear. Unfurnished, available now for long term. EPC C £575 PCM + Fees

A three bed semi-detached house with off road parking and a garage. Two reception rooms and fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, family room, kitchen, utility area, bathroom/WC with shower over the bath upstairs. Unfurnished. No pets, no DSS. EPC-E £600 PCM + Fees



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**DUDLEY**

**TANSLEY HILL ROAD**  
AN IMMACULATED PRESENTED DETACHED PROPERTY IN SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION. comprises a porch, entrance hall, dining room, lounge, cloakroom, modern kitchen, utility room, landing, master bedroom with en suite shower room, bedroom two and three with Jack and Jill suite, a further two bedrooms and a family bathroom. A spiral staircase leads to a dressing room. Externally double garage & enclosed rear garden. EPC Awaited.  
**£329,950** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**LOWER GORNAL**

**RUITON STREET**  
We are pleased to market this modern gas central heated and double glazed detached property comprising to the groundfloor of entrance porch, entrance hallway, groundfloor cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, spiral staircase leading to the main bedroom and family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating is Grade D.  
**£250,000** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**EARLS KEEP, DUDLEY**

**BREAMORE CRESCENT**  
A MODERN WELL PRESENTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HAVING EXCELLENT CONSERVATORY. We are delighted to offer this beautifully presented detached family home comprising of lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, spacious conservatory, ground floor, four bedrooms of which the master has en-suite shower room, family bathroom, garage, driveway and rear garden. Viewing is essential. EPC Rating is Grade D.  
**£239,950** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**DUDLEY**

**HIMLEY AVENUE**  
EXTENDED TO THE GROUNDFLOOR. We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glazed extended and improved detached family residence comprising to the groundfloor of entrance porch, entrance hallway, kitchen, rear reception room, extended study area and a breakfast area, conservatory, family kitchen, landing, three bedrooms and a family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway, garage and enclosed rear garden. EPC Rating is Grade D.  
**£215,000** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**DUDLEY**

**FAIRVIEW ROAD**  
A WELL PRESENTED BAY FRONTED DETACHED HAVING CORNER PLOT!!!!!! We are pleased to market this gas central heated and double glazed detached property occupying a corner plot, this well presented bay fronted traditional property comprising to the groundfloor of entrance porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, rear reception room, extended study area and a breakfast area, conservatory, family kitchen, landing, three bedrooms and a family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a block paved driveway to the front, mature rear garden. EPC E.  
**£184,950** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**OAKHAM**

**OAKHAM DRIVE**  
A bay fronted traditional semi-detached property comprising to the groundfloor of entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, inner lobby and groundfloor cloakroom. To the first floor, landing, three bedrooms, bathroom and attic room. Externally driveway leading to the garage and rear garden. EPC Ratings Awaited  
**£164,950** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**BILSTON**

**CATHERINE ROAD**  
FOUR BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING A GROUNDFLOOR BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE AND CONSERVATORY! This is a gas central heated and double glazed property comprising to the groundfloor of entrance hallway, bedroom with en-suite, fitted kitchen, lounge and conservatory, landing, three further bedrooms and family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway to the front and rear garden. EPC Ratings Awaited  
**£160,000** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**SEDGLEY**

**DUDLEY ROAD**  
Two bedroom bay fronted semi-detached bungalow in a popular residential location viewing recommended. This double glazed and gas central heated two bedroom semi-detached bungalow comprising of entrance porch, entrance hall, two bedrooms, shower room, kitchen/diner and lounge. Externally there is a garden to the front and enclosed rear garden along with off road parking. Epc - d  
**£160,000** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**STOURBRIDGE**

**SPICER LODGE, ENVILLE STREET**  
We are pleased to offer for sale a range of one & two bedroom retirement apartment with access to Stourbridge town centre. Offering independent living with entry phone systems and 24 hour support system. There is a communal lounge, laundry room and parking, there is also a guest suite that can be rented for relatives. EPC Ratings Awaited  
**FROM** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**WOODSETTON**

**BENNETT AVENUE**  
REDUCED! We are pleased to bring to the market this improved bay fronted semi-detached property which has the benefit of a gas fired central heating system. The accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and a bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway providing off road parking and an extensive, enclosed rear garden. EPC - E.  
**£130,000** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**UPPER GORNAL**

**ASKEW CLOSE**  
WE ARE PLEASED TO BRING TO THE MARKET THIS WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACE PROPERTY offering accommodation which briefly comprises on entrance porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. There is a garden to the front and rear with garage and driveway providing off road parking. A viewing is highly recommended. The EPC Rating is Grade D.  
**£129,950** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**DUDLEY**

**UPLANDS ROAD**  
A MUCH IMPROVED AND WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY double glazed and gas central heated three bedroom semi detached property comprising to the groundfloor of entrance porch, through lounge, modern fitted kitchen, utility room and shower room/wc whilst to the first floor there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a rear garden and driveway to the front. EPC Rating is Grade D.  
**£124,950** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**DUDLEY**

**CHESTNUT AVENUE**  
THREE BEDROOMS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED A very well presented three bedroom end terraced property situated in a convenient location for access to Dudley town centre. The accommodation briefly comprises lounge, open plan kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and a modern bathroom. Externally there is a rear garden and driveway to the front. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC grade E  
**£114,950** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**RUSSELLS HALL ESTATE**

**GRENVILLE ROAD**  
NO UPWARD CHAIN!!!!!! A double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom semi detached residence comprising to the ground floor entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms, shower room. Externally having driveway parking provided & enclosed rear garden. EPC - D  
**£120,000** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**INHEDGE STREET**

**A** THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACE PROPERTY which is in need of modernisation and comprises of lounge, dining room, galley kitchen, bathroom, three good sized bedrooms and rear garden. Cul-de-sac location with fantastic potential. EPC Rating is Grade G  
**£79,950** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**QUEENS CROSS**

EPC - D. A lovely two bedroom property located in close proximity of Dudley town centre. It comprises lounge, large kitchen/diner, landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. There is parking provided to the rear of the property.  
**£450 P/M** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**GREEN PARK ROAD**  
EPC Rating D. Semi Detached. Two Double Bedrooms. Fitted Kitchen. Double Glazing. Beautifully Presented.  
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**£550 P/M** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**DUDLEY**

**CAVELL RD**  
MODERN MODERN TWO BEDROOM TERRACE PROPERTY IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION. The property consists of lounge, conservatory & kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and driveway. Viewing is highly recommended. DSS ACCEPTED AVAILABLE.  
**£550 P/M** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**HIGHFIELD ROAD**

Gas Central Heating  
Close to town centre  
Parking  
Garden  
EPC Rating F  
**£525 P/M** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**TIPTON**  
MODERN APARTMENT. Your Move are pleased to offer this modern apartment in the sought after area of Tipton. With 2 bedrooms, open plan kitchen/living room, bathroom and allocated parking. The property benefits from views to the canal side.  
**£495 P/M** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**DUDLEY**

**GROMWELL STREET**  
GREAT VALUE MODERN TWO BEDROOM TERRACE PROPERTY IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION. The property comprises Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Garden to Rear and Driveaway to Front. EPC AWAITED.  
**£475 P/M** DUDLEY & 01384 455000



**DUDLEY**

**CAMBRIDGE RD**  
3 bedroom semi-detached house & easy access to the Merry Hill Centre and Russells Hall Hospital. The property consists of lounge, conservatory & kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, downstairs w/c and to the first floor 3 bedrooms and family bathroom. Garden to rear. EPC Rating Awaited.  
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### WORDSLEY



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### MARLBOROUGH GARDENS

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### WOLLASTON



NEW

### RICHARDSON DRIVE

**£575 pcm\***  
Modem Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Parking for 2 cars, Unfurnished

### WORDSLEY



NEW

### BRACKEN PARK GARDENS

**£435 pcm\***  
Top Floor Flat, Large Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Electric Heating, Sealed Units, Off Road Parking

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NEW

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**£415 pcm\***  
Purpose Built Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Private Parking, unfurnished

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### EAGLE PLACE

**£370 pcm\***  
Apartment, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Economy Seven Heating, Private Parking, Security Entrance Door

### WORDLEY



NEW

### BRAMBLESDIE

**£595 pcm\***  
Semi-Detached House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Garden, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

### AMBLECOTE



NEW

### RIVERSLEIGH DRIVE

**£595 pcm\***  
Modem Mid Terrace House, Large Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Front & Rear Gardens, Parking for 2 Cars, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

### Quarry Bank



NEW

### High Street

**£495 pcm\***  
End Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Rear Garden, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, UNFURNISHED

### UPPER GORNAL



NEW

### KENT STREET

**£350 pcm\***  
Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom with shower, Off Road Parking, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

### WOODSETTON



NEW

### SELDLEY ROAD

**£525 pcm\***  
Terraced Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden

### STOURBRIDGE



NEW

### EVOLUTION

**£550 pcm\***  
Top Floor Flat, Entry, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Allocated Parking, Unfurnished

### COSELEY



NEW

### SALCOMBE GROVE

**£545 pcm\***  
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens

### PENNETT



### SELDLEY



NEW

### SELDLEY



NEW

### NETHERTON



NEW

### PURLIN WHARF

**£550 pcm\***  
Detached House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Single Garage, Parking for 2 cars, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking

### CORBYS HALL ROAD

**£540 pcm\***  
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Unfurnished, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Gardens

### CROSS LANE

**£625 pcm\***  
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, WC, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking

### QUEEN ROAD

**£796 pcm\***  
Detached House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, WC, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Single Garage, Parking for 2 cars, Front & Rear Gardens, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing

### KINGSWINFORD



NEW

### STANDHILLS ROAD

**£595 pcm\***  
Semi Detached House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

### KINGSWINFORD



NEW

### GORNAL



OX STREET

**£585 pcm\***  
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

### WOMBOURNE



NEW

### CROSS ROAD

**£595 pcm\***  
First Floor Flat, Entrance, Large Lounge, Good Sized Kitchen/Diner, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Parking at Rear, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

### KINGSWINFORD



NEW

### STANDHILLS ROAD

**£595 pcm\***  
Semi Detached House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished

### LAKESIDE



NEW

### KINGSWINFORD



NEW

### BRIERLEY HILL



NEW

### AMBLECOTE



NEW

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**£150 pw\***  
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### GORNAL



THE STRAITS  
• DORMER BUNGALOW  
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## Commercial feature

**Vauxhall's sixth generation Astra faces far tougher Focus-class family hatchback competition than it did at launch back in 2009.**

Hence a welcome package of improvements that has brought a smarter look, extra efficiency and slicker technology. It's more than enough to keep this car amongst the top three best sellers in the segment.

Here we home in on the Astra's Excite trim level priced from £19,845 on the road. It's currently available with a £2,000 Deposit Contribution from Vauxhall. What's more, there's up to 5-year's 0% APR Representative flexible finance and Vauxhall includes a £2,000\* Deposit Contribution in with the current deal.

With the Astra Excite you can choose between eight exterior colours. It comes

comprehensively equipped, too, with specification that includes a mobile phone connection system with Bluetooth® functionality, a six-speaker stereo system, steering wheel mounted controls, cruise control, 17-inch alloy wheels, a USB connection with iPod control, a leather covered sports steering wheel and Black cloth interior trim.

Though the aesthetic improvements made to this Astra are subtle, they do succeed in giving it a much fresher look. The rakish three-door Astra GTC provided the inspiration for many of the aesthetic changes made to five-door versions.

Under the bonnet in Astra Excite models, Vauxhall offers a 100PS 1.4-litre and 115PS 1.6-litre petrol engines with this trim level. Alternatively, there are two diesels, a 1.6 CDTI 110PS engine or a 1.7-litre CDTI diesel unit also delivering 110PS. Both diesels are mated to six-speed manual transmissions and all powerplants offer good economy and emissions lower enough to



keep company car drivers happy. The 1.6-litre diesel option is the most frugal though delivering 76.3mpg on the combined cycle.

Vauxhall's Astra is mainly British, with hatch and estate models built at Ellesmere Port near Liverpool to a quality at least as high as anything the Japanese brands can manage. That reason alone might be enough to give this car a place on your family hatchback shortlist. Fortunately for Vauxhall, there are also many others.

To the uninitiated, the Vauxhall Corsa might seem a very ordinary car as there are plenty of them around. However, drive one and you'll realise it's anything but. Since its introduction, Vauxhall has continuously fettled and polished the Corsa, turning it from a good car into an outstanding one. Sales figures suggest that the British

public know a good thing when they see one.

Quality is very strong and the superiority of some of the materials in the cabin only underscores that impression. A 285-litre boot is more than adequate for the weekly shop or a weekend away and this can be extended to 1100 litres by folding the rear seats.

The Corsa is one of most attractive cars in its class. Meriva-style 'Eagle-Eye' headlamps with chrome finish and daytime running lights are fitted and the chrome detailing also extends to the fog lights.

With three-door prices starting from £11,985 and five-door prices beginning at £12,580 Corsa Excite trim level offers particularly good value for money, especially when you consider what Vauxhall includes in the package. Mobile phone

Bluetooth® functionality, a decent stereo system with USB connection with iPod control, steering wheel mounted audio controls, twin electrically-adjustable and heated door mirrors, front fog lights and a Graphic information display system are all featured as standard. Then there's air conditioning, electrically heated front seats and leather covered steering wheel which is also heated! Don't forget too, that you'll also get that free Vauxhall Lifetime warranty\*.

With solid build quality, sharp driving manners and some of the most economical engines on offer anywhere, the Corsa more than stacks up. It is, in fact, a very good product. Factor in prices which usually undercut far less sturdy opposition and it's a small car that needs no excuses.

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# Dealership marks its first birthday

## Commercial feature

It's a year since Brindley Kia's Tipton Red Cube Kia centre opened for business, and with the sales of new Kia rising beyond even the most optimistic expectations of the team, what a first year it has been!

Sales manager, Martin Broom, said: "Time has just flown by and we can hardly believe we are marking our first year already.

"Kia is one of the fastest-growing car brands in this country, indeed around the world, and the amount of interest from customers has been astounding.

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"Kia's industry-leading seven-year manufacturer warranty continues to play its part in this innovative manufacturer's incredible success."

To celebrate this important milestone in Brindley Kia's history, the team is holding a special Birthday Open Weekend event over the forthcoming May Bank Holiday.



It starts early on Friday, May 2 and finishes at close of business on the Bank Holiday Monday, May 5, which gives you plenty of time to take advantage of the outstanding deals available on the Kia range, including up to £2,000 savings off list price and low APR finance on brand-new Kias, and 0 per cent APR representative finance on selected Kia approved used models.

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Martin Broom concludes: "We operate from the newest Kia dealership in the Midlands and we're immensely

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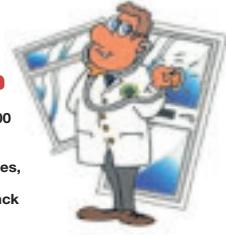
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## The long and short of running for club

IT was a weekend of extremes for athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club with some going short, competing at the 5k distance, and some going very long with marathons to complete.

Helen Tromans made her marathon debut in the Shakespeare Marathon in Stratford upon Avon completing the 26.2 mile, two lap course in 3:20.31 to take the third female prize and first in her age group.

The performance ensures Helen automatic qualification for the London Marathon next April should she choose to take up this option.

Also in Stratford, Dave Hickman completed the one lap, half marathon in 1:49.20.

Further afield Ingrid Cain took part in the Madrid Marathon finishing in a time of 4:25.20, another good finish in what is rapidly becoming a world tour.

Over a much shorter distance of a fraction over three miles, Ben Foster just missed out on a podium place Wolverhampton and Bilston's Fordhouses Fast 5k by a matter of seconds, finishing in fourth place in 16.51. He was joined by John Andrews who took 43rd place in 21.37.

## Heathen legend is returning

CALIFORNIAN superstar Billy Hamill will make an emotional return to the Black Country this summer.

The Cradley Heath Speedway legend, who raced for the club between 1990-1996, is to appear at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill on Sunday, July 27 for a special evening with fans.

Hamill will be in the UK for the Monster Energy FIM Speedway World Cup.

Tickets are £10 or £25 VIP tickets which includes a private reception with Billy, signed photograph, buffet and front row seats. Tickets are available from the Cradley track shop on race night or the club shop, Printworx, Quarry Bank High Street, from 10am-3pm except Wednesday and Sunday.

# Letford hat-trick sixes things up

### Halesowen Ladies 6 Rushall 0

THE semi-finals of the Women's Open Cup saw a strong Halesowen side take on the talented Rushall team.

With head coach Karl Willis and Faye White giving the squad a good warm up and preparation for the oncoming battle the Letford team were ready.

Halesowen, with confidence riding high, started out the better team, they were soon rewarded within five minutes as winger Lyndsey Glover found unmarked striker Rachel Letford who let fly an unstoppable shot into the top left hand corner.

### Football

The second came soon after a corner a perfect waited cross from Glover found Halyey Chatwin had the easiest of tap in at the rear post.

Credit to Rushall they still tried to create chances but against the best defence in the league they were always going to struggle. Dominique McKee and partner in crime Charlotte Byatt were on hand to deal with any situation. Both teams did have a chance to score and Halesowen had a goal

disallowed late on in the half as Gemma Moss was unfortunate not to get on the scoresheet.

Halesowen really took control of the game and dominated in the second half.

Within five minutes of the restart Letford had made it three again with great play by Glover on the wing. The Yeltz midfield of Sarah Hammill and Tracey Haycock were controlling their patch of the park and creating chances for other players.

Goal of the game came on the 56th minute when left back Sabrina Dale came forward and from a quality pass from Glover,

Dale controlled it and from outside the box placed it into the top right hand corner.

The excellent Rushall keeper made some fine saves throughout the game. Substitute Chloe Harris was only on the pitch a couple of minutes when put through by Letford, she slotted the ball past the oncoming keeper. Halesowen finished off the rout by Letford claiming her hat trick late on with some nice work by Katie Moore.

Manager Scott McKee said: "Our football and the solidarity of the team is the best I've known it. The squad is a joy to watch. Bring on the final."

## Beacon playing second fiddle

### Tales From The Bratch

BEACON were forced to play second fiddle to neighbours Swindon in the Staffs Clubs Premier Division, and had to bat for a losing draw in a rain-hit clash at their Trysull Road base.

And it was a Beacon old boy who proved the difference between the sides as Jason Swan struck an impressive unbeaten 88 to guide Swindon to 175-7 from 45 overs. Beacon's South African import Richard Wissing was the pick of the bowlers with 4-54.

In reply, Beacon had 35 overs in which to chase a winning draw or victory, but never looked likely to deny Swindon the lion's share of the points as they closed on 88-7. The Hartwell brothers impressed for Beacon's second team as they claimed a winning draw at Swindon. Mike top-scored with 88 while Will struck an unbeaten 88.

Shaun Laban chipped in with 40 to help Beacon to 279-5 in 41 overs. Swindon finished on 138-3 from 42 overs in response. Beacon's third XI were in a dramatic tie at Rushall. Andy Harvey took 3-7 and Ollie Harris and Luke Jones both picked up two wickets to help dismiss Rushall for 118.

## Old Hales make it through

### Fred Rowley Colts Tournment

Old Halesians, Burntwood, Aston Old Eds and Kidderminster are through to the semi-finals after some thrilling encounters.

Kidderminster beat Walsall 25-21 in a tense contest that saw Walsall dominate for long periods. Jordan Lay kicked a penalty and converted a try after a fine solo effort by Connor McGuirk.

### Veseyans U-13s 17 Walsall U-13s 55

Walsall produced one of their best performances of the season in overcoming a previously unbeaten Veseyans team. The forwards secured good possession and with some strong direct running the visitors were always an attacking force.



DK's Gareth bowen Sprints clear during the last game of his squad's miserable season without a single victory

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Hackett's men slip into the play-offs

## Hitchin Town 1 Stourbridge 1

THE Glassboys squeezed into the Premier Division play-offs with a draw at Hitchin sufficient for Gary Hackett's men to hold on to fifth place in the final standings.

The Glassboys broke the deadlock with a long goal-kick from Dean Coleman being headed on by Brown for Brian Smikle to sprint on to the ball and shoot low under the advancing home keeper Tahj Bell from the edge of the area.

The visitors failed to kick on from there though. Hitchin began to come more into the game as the half progressed.

Or 28 minutes Coleman got safely behind a 20-yard shot from Callum Donnelly and then at the other end Smikle almost capitalised on some hesitant defending as he chased a ball forward from Sean Geddes through the right channel area with Hitchin's Daniel Webb and as they jostled for the ball, Smikle managed to wrap his foot around Webb and hook a shot goalwards that flew off-target.

With 65 minutes gone, Nick Burtenshaw sent in a cross that bobbed around the penalty area before sub Michael King stabbed a shot on-target that Coleman couldn't keep out.

**Cup tie 'could be a classic'**

WILL Pottinger says Cradley's Knockout Cup tie with Mildenhall has all the makings of a classic.

The bitter rivals will clash at Monmore Green on Tuesday, May 13 – the next Heathers home meeting – with the return at West Row the following Sunday.

And Cradley boss Pottinger believes his riders will need a handy lead from the home leg to take to Mildenhall.

"Anyone who follows the sport knows there is history between the two clubs and we're looking forward to the meetings," said Pottinger.

"Mildenhall have built a very impressive team once again this season and we know we will need to be firing on all cylinders if we are to get the better of them.

"I think most people recognise there are some clubs who are in serious contention for the silverware."

## We can build a new Albion, says boss Pepe

PEPE Mel says he is ready to build a new Albion team after leading the Baggies to the brink of Premier League safety.

Mel will meet chairman Jeremy Peace at the end of the season to discuss his own uncertain Hawthorns future – but is already looking ahead to revamping the squad.

Saturday's 1-0 win against West Ham means Albion's top-flight safety could be confirmed at the weekend but a huge summer awaits with a host of players potentially on their way out.

Mel said: "There are a lot of players who are going to be out of contract so it's very

much a case of creating a new team.

"The make-up of this team will be very important. That will define the future. It's not a case of wanting to change things, it's simply a fact that we need a new team.

"There are lots of players who are out of contract and players who will perhaps not continue so, of course, if I'm involved in West Brom I will need to have an important role in this.

"Right now there are only currently 13 players with a contract in place.

"The choice of the other nine or 10 players – if West Brom go with me – is something I'll have a say in.

"We have a meeting in the week that the season ends and it's then that we'll talk.

"We need to sit down, the chairman and myself, and we need to look at what he wants for the future."

Steven Reid, Zoltan Gera and Billy Jones are all out of contract this summer with Jones holding talks over a new deal.

The contracts of Chris Brunt, Graham Dorrans and Liam Ridgewell are also up, but the club have one-year options on the

**Miserable end**  
DK ends season as it started with a defeat

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**Langley strike is a lifeline**

## Gornal Athletic 1 Heath Hayes 2

UNPREDICTABLE Hayes produced a strong, brave performance to ensure they retained their place in Midland Alliance in a highly-charged relegation battle. From the off, Gornal made their intentions clear with some robust challenges. However, the visitors responded with some feisty play of their own.

Hayes opened the scoring on 21 minutes when a free-kick from Adam Robinson to the far post was headed back across goal by Tom Baggott for Adam Green to fire home.

Dennis Love was yellow carded when he brought down Hayes' Dennis Pickett as he was through on goal.

Hayes started the second half well when a shot from Dan Scragg was only partly cleared and the ball fell to Langley 20 yards from goal and he drilled a precise unstoppable shot into the corner of the net.

Gornal then had Love sent off for one bad challenge too many, this led to greater determination from the home side. With six minutes remaining a Dreniz Bala goal gave his side hope.

## Tividale are on a cup mission

TIVIDALE will be hoping to stop Black Country Rangers' bid for a hat-trick of JW Hunt Cup triumphs.

The sides meet in the semi-final on Wednesday, May 7, at AFC Wulfrunians' ground, Castlecroft, Wolverhampton at 7.30pm. The final will again be at Molineux – on Wednesday May 21 at 7.30pm.

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# HASELEY'S BRACE SEALS THE DEAL

Belper Town 0 Halesowen Town 2

HALESOWEN Town lifted the Evo-Stik Division One South championship trophy after Ben Haseley's brace capped a spirited team performance on a memorable day of drama at Christchurch Meadow.

With rivals Coalville Town winning at Chasetown, the Yeltz had

wide for the Nailers.

Tension mounted but the Yeltz kept calm and their well-organised defence restricted further chances.

The title started heading home to Halesowen when Haseley pounced from a yard out to double the lead in the 71st minute after the ball sailed over the head of Belper goalkeeper Scott Low when he misjudged a back header from Chris Jones.

With Belper beaten, the Yeltz controlled the final minutes before proudly lifting the trophy in party mood after the final whistle of an outstanding season in front of their massive army of jubilant travelling fans.

Manager John Hill said: "It's been an unbelievable end to the season. A play-off spot was the target and we needed to keep winning and build momentum and that's led us to the title. It's exciting times once again here."

Chairman Colin Brookes added: "I'm overwhelmed, it's a great day, you could see just what it meant to everyone that made the journey."

Haseley said: "I'm relieved after a nervous start. Our defence was awesome."



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